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SHIPPING.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship ARCOT, 1,781 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander C. D. Hutchens, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 12th June 1873, at 4 P.M.

June 1873.		June 1873.	
Leave BOMBAY	12	Leave Madras	18
,, Carwar	14	,, Coconada	20
,, Narrakal	16	,,	July.
,, Tuticorin	20	,, Vizagapatam	1
,, Colombo	21	,, Bimlipatam	1
,, Galle	22	,, Gopalpore	2
,, Nemapatam	25	,, False Point	3
,, Pondicherry	26	Arrive CALCUTTA	5

Cargo for Singapore and China can be booked by the Steamers on this line hence or from intermediate ports for transhipment at Galle to the Messageries Maritime Company's Steamers, which run regularly.

During the South-west Monsoon, viz., from 17th May 1873, to the end of August, it is uncertain whether communication can be maintained with the ports of Mangalore, Cannanore, Tellicherry, Calicut, Beypore, Cochin, and Alleppy, the Steamers will however call at these ports, weather permitting. Passengers for the Neilgherries can be landed at Narakal, six miles north of Cochin whence they may proceed by back water to stations on the Madras Railway.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF, via KURRACHEE.

Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Busreh, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at KURRACHEE, GUADUR, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, MAHOMERAH, and BUSREH.

The s.s. CALCUTTA, 863 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander R. Henderson, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 4th June 1873, at 2 P.M.

June 1873.			June 1873.	
Leave BOMBAY	4	Leave BUSREH	,,	28
,, Kurrachee	8	,, Fao	,,	29
,, Guadur	9	,, Bushire	,,	25
,, Muscat	11	,, Bahrein	,,	29
,, Bunder Abbas	13	,, Linga	,,	27
,, Linga	15	,, Bunder Abbas	July	1
,, Bushire	17	,, Muscat	,,	3
,, Guadur	19	,, Guadur	,,	5
,, Fao	19	,, Kurrachee	,,	8
Arrive BUSREH	20	Arrive BOMBAY	,,	11

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

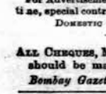
THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch in connection with the weekly service from England, will despatch a Steamer twice a week to Kurrachee commencing on WEDNESDAY, the 28th May. During the S. W. Monsoon the Steamers will leave on WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, and during the fair weather on FRIDAY and MONDAY.

The Steam-ship BURMAH, 1,025 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander J. E. Gavin, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 7th June 1873, at 2 o'clock, P.M.

The Steam-ship KURRACHEE, 510 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander G. Hayes, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 11th June, at 2 o'clock P.M.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.



STEAM FERRIES (under contract with Government).—Steam Ferry Boats will ply across the Harbour daily, stopping at the undermentioned Bunders:—

Fares from Bombay to

Class.	Rewas.	Dhurumtur.	Oorun.	Hog Island.	Oolwa.
	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.
First Class	2 0	1 8	2 0	2 8	3 0
Second Class	0 12	1 0	1 0	0 12	0 12
Third Class	0 6	0 8	0 4	0 6	0 6

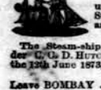
The Rewas and Dhurumtur Ferry Steamer leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8 A.M., and Dhurumtur at 1 P.M. The Oorun, Hog Island, and Oolwa Ferry Steamer leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8-30 A.M., and Oolwa at 1 P.M. Passengers are required to obtain Tickets from the Bunder Clerk previous to proceeding on board.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

No. 33, Meadow Street, Bombay.

FOR LIVERPOOL, via THE SUEZ CANAL.

(To sail about 3rd of June.)



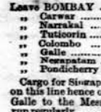
THE magnificent full-powered Steamer RED GAUNTLET, 917 Tons Register, Charles Mann, Commander, has superior accommodation for Passengers, and carries a Surgeon and Stewardess. For Passage and other particulars apply to

GRINDLAY, GROOM, & Co.

26th May 1873.

LIVERPOOL via SUEZ CANAL.

(To leave 11th June.)



THE new Steamer TIMOR, 1,440 Tons Nett Register, 200 H.P. nominal. She made the Passage from England to Bombay in 29 days. Her Cabin accommodation consists of a Saloon on Deck, handsomely fitted, and she will carry a Stewardess.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

TO SUEZ	Rs. 300
TO LIVERPOOL	,, 500

Exclusive of Wines, &c., which can be procured on Board at moderate rates.

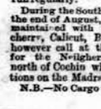
For Passage and further particulars apply to

GRINDLAY, GROOM & Co.

Bombay, 19th May 1873.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHLY LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE, via SUEZ CANAL.



THE Imperial Mail Steamer JENO, 3,124 Tons, 400 H.P., will be despatched for Trieste on or about the 7th June This Steamer has excellent accommodation for a considerable number of Passengers.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

Including a liberal Table (exclusive of Wine and Liquors) and transit through Egypt, also free conveyance of 3 cwt. luggage.

To	I. Class.	II. Class.	Deck.
To Trieste	£45-0	£30	£19-0
To Port Said	£33-6	£23	£14-6
To Suez	£32-8	£22	£13-7

Children under 3 years of age, Free; above 3 and under 10 years, Half Fare.

Cargo taken for Trieste, Venice, Constantinople and Odessa, Aden, Egypt, England, and the Continent generally.

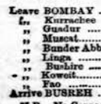
For further particulars, and for Freight and Passage, apply to the Agency of the Austrian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company.

A. C. GUMPERT, Manager.

Bombay, 12, Medows Street, 14th May 1873.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY.

(VIA SUEZ CANAL.)



ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

The regular Steamers leave

GENOA on the 24th, and BOMBAY on the 1st of each month.

PASSENGER RATES.

Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st. Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
Aden	£22	£15	£4	Without Food.
Suez	36	22	8	
Port Said	38	24	9	
Alexandria	40	25	9-10	
Messina	50	34	14	
Naples	50	34	14	
Leghorn	50	34	14	
Genoa	50	34	14	
Marseilles (transhipment at Genoa)	52	35	14-10	

Including Wines.

Children under 3 years, free of charge.

Children not above 10 years, half fare.

Next Steamers from Bombay :—

INDIA, on SUNDAY, 1st JUNE 1873.

PERSIA, on TUESDAY, 1st JULY 1873.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For Hand-books of Information, Rates of Freight, &c., apply to

VOLKART BROTHERS,

Agents Rubattino Steam Navigation Company.

Bombay, 6th November 1871.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Friday, the 6th June, 1873, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. & O. Co.'s S. S. TANJORE, 2,245 tons, and 4000 H.P.) Captain A. H. Johnson, will LEAVE for SUEZ, as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Venice, Marseilles, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Messina, Naples, Leghorn, Genoa, Trieste, Odessa, Constantinople, Ancona, Havre, Liverpool, London and New York.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal, in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M., in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon, at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

GEO. P. HENRY,
Superintendent P. & O. Company.

Bombay, 30th May 1873.

CONTINENTAL RAILWAY TICKETS.—For the CONVENIENCE of PASSENGERS by the PENINSULAR and ORIENTAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY TICKETS to PARIS and LONDON can now be obtained at the Company's Agencies at Suez, Brindisi and Venice.

GEO. P. HENRY,
Superintendent P. & O. Company.

Bombay, 30th May 1873.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On Monday, the 2nd June, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. and O. Co.'s S. S. PEKIN, (3,777 tons and 600 H.P.) Captain W. Woolcott, will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's Office before noon, on Friday, the 30th May.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

Bombay, 19th May 1873.

SURAT AND GOGO FERRY.

STEAM FERRY (under Contract with Government).—A STEAM FERRY BOAT plies between SURAT and GOGO.

FARES FROM SURAT TO GOGO.

First Class	...	...	Rs. 5 0
Second Class	...	...	,, 3 8
Third Class	...	...	,, 1 8
Horses	...	...	,, 4 0
Carriages	...	...	,, 4 0

Until further Notice, the Steam Ferry Boat will leave Gogo every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY, and Surat every TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY.

Further particulars can be learnt on application to the Undermentioned Agents :—

FEEROZSHAH SHAPOORJEE at Surat.
DINKER NARRAYEN at Gogo.

Or to the Undersigned at Bombay.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

No 33, Meadow Street, Bombay, 9th October 1872.

N.B.—This Steam Ferry will be withdrawn during the S. W. Monsoon months of June, July and August.

NOTICE.—CONSIGNEES of CARGO per CELLA (s), from LIVERPOOL, are informed of the ARRIVAL of the VESSEL, and requested to take at once DELIVERY of their respective Goods from the Bunders.

EWART, LATHAM & Co.,
Agents, Cella (s).

Bombay, 29th May 1873.

NOTICE.—CONSIGNEES per s.s. ELGIN, are hereby informed of the ARRIVAL of the VESSEL, and requested to TAKE DELIVERY at once of their respective Goods. No claim will be admitted for damage or short delivery unless passed by the Captain before the departure of the Steamer.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 30th May 1873.

NOTICE.—CONSIGNEES of CARGO per ship DOXFORD are hereby informed of the ARRIVAL of the VESSEL and are requested to send BILLS of LADING and DELIVERY ORDERS for our inspection and take immediate DELIVERY of their GOODS from alongside otherwise they will be landed at their risk and expence.

OWEN & OKELL,
Agents, Ship Doxford.

Bombay, 30th May 1873.

SALES BY AUCTION.

MENESSE and COMPANY.

AUCTION SALE OF DAMAGED COTTON.

Terms Cash.

Messrs. MENESSE & Co., have received instructions from Messrs. E. SPINNER & Co., to sell by Public Auction by order of the Bremen Consul in the Cotton Depot, Messrs. MOJAREF FRAGJEE & Co., Colaba, on TUESDAY the 3rd inst., at 3 P.M., on account of the concerned.

E. S. & Co., } 74 Patent pressed Bales of Cotton damaged by
N. D. 52 } Sea water.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 2nd June 1873.

BENNETT and COMPANY,
No. 4, FORBES STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY.

THIS DAY MONDAY, the 2nd inst., at 4 P.M. Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to submit to Public Auction, on the premises, by order of the Mortgagee and on account and at the risk of the Mortgagor, Memon Dada Mahomed, the following Landed Property, viz :—

All that piece or parcel of Land or Forzendaree ground together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, situate, lying, and being with out the Fort of Bombay Fronfary, on the Northern side of the Mundjel Bunder Cross Road, in the sub-division of Mandvee, and assessed by the Municipal Commissioner under No 60 and containing by admeasurement 114 2/9 square yards, be the same little more or less, and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the east by the house of Lukmichund Hurrybhoy Bhagodia, on or towards the west by the house of Bhora Abdoolally Camerbhoy and Mahomidbhoy Amroodin, on or towards the north by the sweeper passage, and on or towards the south by the Munjid Bunder Cross Road.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable and handsome costly Household Furniture, best Plated, Glass and Porcelainware, Piano, a Madras built Dog Cart, Buggy, Horse, Harness, &c., at the New Post Office Building, Fort.

On WEDNESDAY, the 4th instant, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to submit to Public Auction, at the above mentioned place, the whole of the very valuable and handsome household furniture &c., the property of E. C. George, Esq., Post Master of Bombay, proceeding to Calcutta.

Full particulars will be given hereafter. Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 3 days before the day of sale.

AUCTION SALE of Handsome Household Furniture, Plated, Glass and Porcelainware, Piano, by Collard and Collard, a, English-built Brougham, &c., at Marine Lines.

On THURSDAY, the 5th instant, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to submit to Public Auction, at the above mentioned place, the Handsome Household Furniture, &c., the property of Major F. C. Davidson.

Full particulars will be given hereafter.

No Catalogue and the property will be on view, three days before the day of sale.

BENNETT & Co

Bombay, 2nd June 1873.

DINSHAW HORMUSJEE AND COMPANY, No. 12, APOLLO STREET.

AUCTION SALE of an Assortment of Fancy and Miscellaneous Goods in the Shop No. 27, in Meadow Street, opposite to the Oriental Bank.

Messrs. DINSHAW HORMUSJEE and Co., are instructed to Sell by Public Auction at 1 P.M. TO-MORROW the 3rd and WEDNESDAY the 4th June, at the above mentioned place of an assortment of fancy and miscellaneous goods, consisting of scent bottles, lavender, violet powder, ala rose, eau de rose, pomatum, fountain perfume, powder puff, boxes of cosmatic, tooth brushes, letter clips, letter scale, stamp press, Webster's dictionary, envelops, letter and foolscap size copying book, japan tin cash and deed boxes by Morden and Co., iron jewellery boxes, English pint and half pint writing copying and red ink, coloured Perla Rue note paper and blotting boxes, glass inkstand, portable copying press, patent inkstand, lead pencils, walnut wood stationery cases, brass scale, mathematical instruments, mahogany show cases, magnifying glasses, steel pen, penholders, stereoscopic views, highly perfumed cakes of soaps, ladies, gentlemen's and children's boots, shoes, and slippers, brass pegs, iron bedsteads and cradle, plated table candlesticks, tea services, nut crackers, blackwood show cases and glass door cupboard, &c.

No Catalogue and the property is now on view.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable Household Furniture, Plated, Glass and Porcelainware, Carriage, Horses and Harness, &c. at No. 9, Middle Colaba.

Messrs. DINSHAW HORMUSJEE and Co. have been instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the Bungalow, No. 9, Middle Colaba, on Friday the 6th June, at 1 P.M., the handsome household furniture, carriage, horses, &c., of Captain P. Murray, the same consists of glassware, breakfast, dinner and dessert sets, plated candlesticks, cruet, pickle and egg frames, teapot, hot water dish, bread basket, sugar basin, waiter, a set of plated fiddle-pattern spoons and forks, boxes of plated handle, table and dessert knives and forks, plated table argand lamp, a set of blackwood camp dining table in 4 pieces, black dining room chairs, sideboard, bookstands, tea caddy, carved circular table, drawing dining and easy chairs, pier and writing tables, teapoys, a plated 3-light hall gas gang argand lamp, Brussels carpets, carved conversation and reading couches, blackwood camp cots, dressing and washhand tables, toilet glasses, clothes presses, chest of drawers, clothes basket, bath tubs, Cambay and dragged carpets, screen, baby's cot, pictures in frames, copper cooking utensils, and dispense articles, &c.

AT 2 P.M.

An open carriage, a pair of Bay Australian carriage horses and a set of plated mounted double harness.

One hunting saddle and one side saddle, &c.

No Catalogues, and the property will be on inspection 4 days previous to the day of sale.

DINSHAW HORMUSJEE & Co.

Bombay, 2nd June 1873.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON, & CO., No. 28, APOLLO STREET.

AUCTION SALE of stock of Ironware, Iron, Water Tanks and Blocks, Wheels and Lorry wheels and boxes.

Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON and Co., Auctioneers, have been instructed to sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of June 1873, at 1 P.M., at the Harbour Defences Storeyard (Old Gunpowder Works) Mazagon, certain Government Stores, consisting of iron tanks, gummels, wedges, waggon and lorry wheels, pickaxes, augers, bells and hatchets, copper gauges and measures, pouras, quarry picks, saws of sorts, stock taps and dies, single and double iron blocks of sorts, cutter and jolly boats, rowing apparatus, screw jack, double and single winches and other miscellaneous articles.

Terms—25 per cent. deposit will be taken on the lot being knocked down and the balance to be paid and lots to be removed within 3 days, or they will be resold on account and at the risk of the first purchaser.

AUCTION SALE of a Valuable Collection of Standard Works on Various Subjects.

On SATURDAY, the 7th day of June 1873, at 2 P.M., Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Sale Room, No. 28, Apollo Street, a valuable Library, being the property of the late J. Walter Gale, Esq., M. Inst. C.E., consisting of works on Literature, Arts, Sciences, Medicine, Chemistry, Mathematics, History, Natural Philosophy, Painting, Photography, Music, Engraving, Drawing, Geology, Zoology, Poetry, Classic Books of Novels and sundry miscellaneous works. Catalogue are published and the above works are now on view.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, 2nd June 1873.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GRANT ROAD THEATRE.

KALIDAS ELPHINSTONE SOCIETY.

NIGHT FOR THE MILLION.

POSITIVELY THE LAST APPEARANCE THIS SEASON.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

REDUCTION OF RATES ALL ROUND.

1st Class (Booked) .....Rs. 2½
1st Class.....Rs. 2 | 3rd Class.....Rs. 1
2nd Do. ..... ,, 1½ | 4th Do. ..... ,, ½

ON TUESDAY, THE 3rd JUNE 1873.

ROMEO AND JULIET
AND
THE ILLUSTRIOUS STRANGER.

ORGAN CONCERT.

THE NEXT CONCERT at the TOWN HALL will take place on THURSDAY, 5th June, commencing punctually at 6 P.M. No Tickets will be issued, but a charge of One Rupee each person will be made to cover the necessary expenses.

NOTICE.—A NEW TARIFF FOR OVERLAND MONEY ORDERS has come into force, calculated according to a scale at a rate approaching 10 per cent.

EDWARD W. S. LOGIN,
Actg. Assist. Acct. Genl., in charge of Money Order Offices.

2nd June 1873.

A LADY and GENTLEMAN having a residence in the best part of the Fort, open to the breeze from all quarters, can ACCOMMODATE TWO GENTLEMEN with Board and Lodging, or Board only. References given and required. Address W. G., Office of *Bombay Gazette*.

NOTICE.—The Undersigned, with a view to concentrating their business, having DISPOSED of the BRANCH in POONA to Mr. B. PHILLIPS, their former Manager in that place, beg to request that all Orders or Communications intended for them be addressed to their Head Establishment as below.

D. S. KEMP & Co.,
7, Elphinstone Circle, Bombay.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the PARTNERSHIP for some time past carried on by the Undersigned under the Firm of KING & Co., at Bombay and Liverpool, has THIS DAY been DISSOLVED by mutual consent.—Dated this 1st day of June 1873.

NANABHOY BYRAMJEE JEEJEEBHOY.
ROBERT WOOD BARKER.
BRYAN MEYRICK KING.
FRANK GEORGE JEFFERSON.

A SECOND-HAND very light single-seated Office BROUGHAM, suitable for a small Arab Horse, in sound condition, built by Vebion of Long Acre. Price Rs. 850. Apply to

JAFFER SULLIMAN & Co.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

PARIS MUNICIPAL LOAN BONDS.

NOTICE.—On and after the 1st June, proximo, the Coupons due 1st July on the above Stock will be paid at the Offices of this Bank at Rs. 2-5-0 each, being the equivalent of Fcs. 6, less taxes.

Rampart Row, 31st May 1873.

FIRE INSURANCE.—REDUCTION OF TARIFF. Certain classes of RISKS at Reduced Rates.

RICHARD MARTIN & Co., Agents,
Manchester Fire Assurance Company.

LANCASHIRE FIRE INSURANCE CO.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

REDUCED RATES, under the Revised Tariff, will now be charged.

LYON & Co.,
Agents, Lancashire Insurance Company.

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE CO.

REDUCTION IN RATES.

The Undersigned are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS on approved buildings in the European part of the FORT and COLABA, according to the Revised Tariff, which shows a considerable reduction on previous rates.

FINLAY, MUIR, & Co.,
Agents, Fire Branch.

SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE CO.

REDUCTION IN RATES.

The Undersigned are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS on approved buildings in the European part of the FORT and COLABA, according to the Revised Tariff, which shows a considerable reduction on previous rates.

FINLAY, MUIR, & Co.,
Agents, Bombay.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS in the RATES charged for FIRE INSURANCE having been made by the Directors of the above Company, the Undersigned are now prepared to ACCEPT RISKS on more favourable terms than hitherto; particulars on application.

LAWRENCE & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 30th May 1873.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FIRE BRANCH.

REDUCTION OF RATES.

Under instructions received from the Directors of the Company, we beg to intimate that we are now prepared to ACCEPT RISKS on Buildings, Piece-Goods, Metals, &c., at a considerable REDUCTION in RATES.

Further particulars may be obtained on application.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, 31st May 1873.

SUN FIRE OFFICE, LONDON.
ESTABLISHED 1710.

INSURANCES effected upon Merchandise, Warehouses, Shops Dwelling-houses, and their contents, in Bombay and the Mofussil, at the Current Rates.

CLAIMS arranged by the local Agents, and paid with promptitude and liberality.

PEEL, CASSELS, & Co., Agents.

TOILET LUXURIES.

BY D. S. KEMP & CO.

In view especially of the approaching hot weather and its exhausting influences, we strongly recommend the following preparations, which will be found to increase in no small degree the healthful pleasures of the daily toilet :—

FLORAL MOUTH ELIXIR.

A few drops on the Tooth Brush form a delicious substitute for Tooth Powder. It produces a most agreeable froth, thoroughly cleanses and whitens the Teeth, is an effective disinfectant, and leaves an abiding fragrance in the mouth. *Unlike solutions of Soap, it does not relax the Gums.* All should use it.

PER BOTTLE—Rs. 1-8 & Rs. 4.

EQUATORIAL HAIR DOUCHE.

The most agreeable of all Toilet preparations. Immediately arrests the loss of Hair, and will *ensure health to the capillary system during a long life.* It contains no Cantharides or other *irritant*; but acts by protecting and assisting the natural processes.

PER BOTTLE—Rs. 1-8 & Rs. 2-8.

Both of the above are shown in the BOMBAY EXHIBITION.

D. S. KEMP & Co.

SALES BY AUCTION.

NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDASS & CO., 40, Meadow Street.

On WEDNESDAY, the 4th instant, Messrs. NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDASS and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at 2 o'clock P.M., at their Room, Meadow Street, No. 40.

Cutlery, Match s, Ruby Beads, 10 Cases Eau-de-Cologne, Printing Paper, Turkish Caps, Pins.

On account of whom it may Concern :—ex Steamer Muriel :—

C—W { 355,356,361 } 7 Bales Grey Shirtings, Saltwater
B { 368,368,369,373 } damaged.

On account and risk of Abdoolah Dawoodkhan :—

In double triangles P. 363.-71.-6 Cases each 25 gross Safety Matches.

NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDASS & Co.

Bombay, 2nd June 1873.

CRAWFORD and COMPANY, 3, MARINE STREET, BOMBAY.

USUAL AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY MONDAY, the 2nd Jun, at 2 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD an Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms :—

10 Bales Grey Shirtings.
10 Cases Grey Dhoties.
5 ,, Prints.
2 ,, Lappets.
2 ,, New Reading Books.
40 Kegs Milan Steel.

An inv ice of best electro-plated ware consisting of 4, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 inch table candlesticks, chamber candlesticks, 10 inch plain pil ar glasses, butter pots, egg, pickle, and cruet frames, waiters, &c.

An inv ice of handsome Kerosine Oil Table Lamps.

50 bales Bengal Jute.
2 Cases Gilt Moulding.

By order of Messrs. Whittle & Co. and on account of the Dholera Un crwriters :—

1 Bora damaged Dholera Pickings taken from Bales Nos. 143 and 191 per Buttela Dhunpurasad, Gudul Govind Laila.

SALE OF LANDED PROPERTY IN SHAIK MEMON STREET ON THE MOMBADAVEE ROAD.

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 3rd June, at 4 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction on the premises, by order of the Mortgagee Dadabhoy Nusserwanjee Bajlorwala and with the consent of the Mortgagors Bai Dinbai, widow of Nowrojee Dorabjee Khuradee, Manockjee Nowrojee Khuradee, and Mer anjee Nowrojee Khuradee. All that piece of Paramdaree ground together with the dwelling house standing thereon, situate on the east side of Shaik Memon Street or Mombadavee Road, containing by admeasurement 99 square yards or thereabouts, and is under the dwelling house standing in the south by the property of the late Ruttonjee Dorabjee Khuradee, and on the north by the property of the late Damodher Mohanjee, on the east by the property of the said late Ruttonjee Dorabjee Khuradee, and on the west by the said Shaik Memon Street, and assessed under No. 3.6.

SALE OF VACANT LAND AT GORGAUM.

Under instructions from the Trustees to the Estate of Messrs. P. and D. F. CAMA & Co. Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of June, 1873, at 1 P.M., submit to Public Auction at their rooms :—

A large piece of land containing 2,70,919 square yards or thereabouts and situated at or near Gorgaum in Salsette, Zilla Tanna, and bounded on the east by the land of Mr. Cursetjee Furdoonjee, on the west partly by the village of Gorgaum and partly by a River, on the north by a River and on the south by the land of Tri hovandass Ruttonjee.

Further particulars can be obtained from and the plan shown on application by the undersigned.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 2nd June 1873.

NOTICES.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION OF RATES OF FIRE PREMIUMS.

The Undersigned are prepared to accept RISKS on PIECE GOODS, TWIST, METALS and other non-hazardous Goods in the European part of the Fort and Colaba, at rates showing a reduction in some cases of over 20 per cent. on those formerly charged

CAMPBELL, MITCHELL & Co.,
Agents Royal Insurance Company.

Bombay, 30th May 1873.

LONDON AND LANCASHIRE LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

A BONUS of ONE PER CENT. PER ANNUM on the amount of participating POLICIES IN FORCE at 31st December last, having been DECLARED, intimation of the amount accruing on Indian Policies will be shortly forward to the Policy-holders.

Copies of the Director's and Actuary's Report Balance-sheet &c., may be obtained on application to any of the Agents of the Company or at the Branch Offices in Bombay or Calcutta.

C. J. WALLIS,
Manager for India.

Bombay, 29th May 1873.

THE VICTORIA PRESS COMPANY OF MADRAS, Limited, (in Liquidation).—NOTICE is hereby given, that a GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be HELD at the Office of the Company, Sassoon Buildings, Apollo Street, Bombay, on MONDAY, the 2nd of June 1873, at 3 P.M., to receive the Liquidator's Account showing the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted, and the property of the Company disposed of.

SORABJEE SHAPOORJEE,
Liquidator.

Bombay, 29th April 1873.

TAYLOR'S PATENT ROOFING TILES as used in the NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, Bombay. These Tiles are made of the finest clay and cheaper than corrugated iron, are light, hard, easily fixed, cool and water-tight, handsome in appearance, and everlasting in wear.

For prices and full particulars apply to

SCOTT, McCLELLAND, & Co.,
Sole Agents for Western India.

Elphinstone Circle, Bombay.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.—TENDERS are invited for the SUPPLY of METAL and MOORUM for the CURRENT YEAR'S REPAIRS to the LOCAL FUND ROADS of the Tanna Collectorate.

Forms of Tenders, &c., may be obtained at the Office of the Undersigned, to whom all Tenders should be sent in before the 7th of June next.

F. B. MACLARAN, C.E.,
Local Fund Engineer, Tanna.

Local Fund Engineer's Office, Tanna, 29th May 1873.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE SHALL REMOVE TO-DAY to our new Offices

No. 3, FORBES STREET,

SASSOON'S BUILDINGS, entrance from Meadow Street.

AUSTRIAN TRADING COMPANY.
Bombay Branch.
A. BLASCHECK & Co.

Bombay, 31st May 1873.

NOTICE.—THE STORM SIGNALS formed by DRUMS and CONES by day, and by LIGHTS at night, as in the Commercial Code of Signals, will be used at this Port from and after the 1st June 1873, and will be displayed when necessary at the Castle Flag Staff.

The use of Cones, Drums, or Balls for signalling the direction of Vessels at the several Signal Stations will hereafter be discontinued.

HENRY MORLAND,
Acting Master Attendant.

21st May 1873.

SUN FIRE OFFICE.
(ESTABLISHED 1710.)

The RATES on WAREHOUSES and SHOPS and their CONTENTS (not being hazardous Goods) have been materially REDUCED. Full particulars will be furnished by

PEEL, CASSELS & Co., Agents.

Elphinstone Circle, 30th May 1873.

GUARDIAN FIRE AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1821. CAPITAL £2,000,000.

POLICIES of ASSURANCE against FIRE granted on all approved buildings, and contents thereof, in the European part of the Fort and Colaba according to the Revised Tariff which shows a considerable reduction on rates recently charged.

SIR CHARLES FORBES & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 30th May 1873.

LONDON AND LANCASHIRE LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

NON-FORFEITABLE POLICIES, BY A LIMITED NUMBER OF PAYMENTS.

For full particulars of this popular system of Assurance see the Company's Indian Prospectus, which with any further information may be obtained on application to any of the Agents of the Company, or to

C. J. WALLIS,
Manager for India.

BOMBAY SCOTTISH EDUCATION SOCIETY.

BYCULLA SCHOOL—PAREL ROAD.

Head Master—Mr. James McDonald, } With Assistants.
Head Mistress—Mrs. McDonald, }

FORT SCHOOL—51, HORNBY ROW.

Head Master—Mr. John Knox Inglis, A.M. Edin.) With Assistants.
Head Mistress—Miss Wartensby, }
Music Master—Mr. Joseph Schmuck.

D. C. BOYD, } Honorary Secretaries.
JOHN PATON, }

Bombay, 1st January 1873.

MATHERAN VISITORS can have supplies of FLOUR, BISCUITS, and PASTRY, sent to NAREL STATION by BAPTY BROTHERS on receipt of an order for payment in Bombay.

CABIN BISCUITS Rs. 13 and 15 per cwt. SHIP BISCUITS (reduced price) Rs. 11 per cwt. Superfine Flour, in 28 lbs. tins, Rs. 3-12-0; per cask, 196 lbs., Rs. 23.

Bran 10 annas per maund.

BAPTY'S PASTRY is acknowledged to be the best in Bombay.

Try BAPTY'S fresh ROYAL BISCUITS in tins, containing 2 lbs. Price 14 annas per tin.

58 Falkland Road, and 2 Meadow Street, Fort, Bombay.

WILL BE READY THIS AFTERNOON.

THE INDIAN TRAVELLERS' GUIDE FOR JUNE 1873.

PRICE—EIGHT ANNAS.

With a New Coloured Map.

CONTAINING, besides the other usual information, the latest alterations on the several lines of Railway, and in the running of the Local Trains between Bombay and Bandora.

The Guide, having a large circul

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SATURDAY, 31st MAY 1873.

EXCHANGE on London opened for this mail at the same rates, and our quotations remain unaltered.

Government Securities still hold very firm at our quoted prices.

Bank Bills, 6 months' sight	1s. 11d.
Credit Bills, do.	1s. 11 3/16d.
Documen s, do.	1s. 11¼d.
Bank Bills, 3 months' sight	1s. 10 11/16d.
Credit do.	1s. 10¼d.
Documents, do.	1s. 10 15/16d.
Bank Bills, demand	1s. 10 7/16d, to 1s. 10 15/32d.

On Calcutta Bank Bills, 60 days' sight.	99½ to 99¾
Do. demand	100 1/16
On Madras, 30 days' sight	99½ nominal.
Do, demand	99 15/16. to par.
On China House Bills, 60 days' sight, 231 to 231½.	

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Five-and-a-half per cent.	...111
Four & half per cent.	...105½
Four per cent.	...103½ to 103¾
Four & half per cent. (Public Works Loan)	...106
Five per cent. Debenture Loan, 1866-67	...103½
15 years' Debenture Loans	...106½
10 years' do. do.	...105
5 years' do. do.	...103
Six per cent. Municipal Loan House Rate	...112
Do. Do. Market Rate	...112
New French Loan 5 per cent. fully paid up of 1871 and 1872	...92
New French Loan instalment paper of 1872	...94
Paris Municipal Loan (Debenture Rs. 117) per Bond	...115.

Rates of discount at New Bank of Bombay—	
Loans on Government Paper on demand	4½ per cent.
Fixed Loans on do. to 3 months'	5½ ,,
Do. do. over 3 do.	6½ ,,
Do. on Merchandize	7½ ,,
Cash Credit do. to 3 months'	6½ ,,
Do. do. over 3 do.	6½ ,,
Do. do.	7½ ,,
Bank Bills	6½ ,,
Mercantile Paper	8½ ,,

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns, each	Rs. 10-8-6
Carolas	290
Mexican Dollars	222
Five-France Pieces	22½
Bar Silver	107½ to 107¾
Gold Leaf	15-11-6
Bar Gold 10 oz. English 100 touch	16-14
Australian Gold 100 touch	16-13

FREIGHT REPORT.

SATURDAY EVENING.

A LITTLE more enquiry for Canal steamers at lower rates. Ships nothing doing, rates almost nominal.

London	Cotton, Cases, Seeds	No ships.
Liverpool	Iron Ships Cotton	£2 17s. 6d. nominal.
	Wooden Ships ,,	£2 15s. 0d. nominal.
	Myrabollams	£2 0s. 0d. nominal.
	Coir bdls	50 15s. 0d. nominal.
	Seeds	£2 5s. 0d. to £2 7s. 6d.
Havre	Cotton, Coffee	£3 0s. 0d.
Overland Steamers—		
Venice		£3 2s. 6d.
Trieste		£3 5s. 0d.
Liverpool		£3 0s. 0d.
Havre		£3 5s. 0d.
Liverpool via Suez Canal		£2 13s. 9d. to £2 15s. 0d.
China	Steamer Cotton, Opium	Rs. 20 to 25 per ton. Rs. 25 to 30 per chest.
	Sailing Ships	Rs. 6 per bale nominal.
Calcutta	Salt	Rs. 5 per ton.
Calcutta to Bombay		No offer.
Mauritius		Nothing doing.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

MARKET firm for Colaba and Bank of Bombay shares. Other shares steady.

BANKS.

No. of Shares	Nomi. value per sh.	Paid up.	Last divi-dend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.		p. a.		
100,000	100	all	5 p.ct.	Agra Bank	82
22,000	1,000	all	6 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,420
10,000	500	all	5 p.ct.	Do of Bombay New	165
10,000	500	100	5 p.ct.	Do 2nd Res. Issue	261½
5,250	1,000	all	5 p.ct.	Do of Madras	1,120
10,000	250	all	8 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of I. L. & China	275
40,000	281½	all	12 pct.	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	410 nl.
40,000	200	all	Nil.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	150
37,080	250	125	4 p.ct.	National Bank of India	110 to 110½
16,030	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	475

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

.....	£20	21 3 9	p.c.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	238
.....	£20	19 17 6	do.	Do. New £20 Shares	126
.....	£20	43 15 0	do.	Ditto	
.....	£100	1,000	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1,125
.....	£18	19 5 1	do.	Do. New Shares	

PRESS COMPANIES.

150	5,000	2,850	150 p.c.	Akbar Cotton Press Co.	1,900
200	2,000	1,100	150 do.	Albert Co. Kurrachee	825
100	5 0	all	10 p.ct.	Albert King Co.	350
250	3,000	850	Nil.	Alexandra Press Co.	240
150	12,000	11,000	100 p.c.	Apollo Press Co.	6,900
200	2,000	all	200 p.c.	Bombay Press Co.	1,550
200	500	all	50 p.c.	Do New	375
350	1,000	1,000	100 p.c.	Broach Cotton Co	800
100	1,500	all	...	Carwar Company	1,100
500	1,888	all	40	Colaba Press Co.	5,500
350	9,000	all	250 p.c.	East India Press Co.	2,400
150	8,500	all	500 *	Fort Press Co.	6,900
300	2,000	1,800	75 p.c.	Framji Cowasji Press Co.	670
300	1,000	all	200 p.c.	French Press Co	725
200	6,000	6,000	225 p.c.	Hydraulic Press Co.	2,000
250	5,000	1,465	75 p.c.	Imperial Press Co	800
200	400	350	125 p.c.	Mofussil Press & G. Co.	670
120	2,500	all	250 p.c.	Prince of Wales Press	2,150
200	1,000	250	...	Sassoon's Press Co.	400
400	850	750	135 p.c.	Scinde Press Co.	460
100	1,000	750	...	Scinde and Punjab Cotton Press Co., Limited	1,075
225	2,000	1,000	Rs. 85	Victoria Press, Madras	1,080 xd
158	850	all	8 p.ct.	Vic. Cot. Gin & Press Co.	1,000

* Per share for the half year.

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	3,000	all	Rs. 77	Colaba Land Co.	1,525
3,000	150	all	...	Freze Land & Pier Co. Ld.	160
750	2,000	2,000	31 p.s.	Mazagon Land	830
000	1,000	all	15 p.s.	Port Canning Land Company, Limited	460

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

400	2,000	1,700	150 p.c.	Albert Mills Co.	2,000
600	1,250	all	30 p.s.	Alexandra Spinning	1,345
500	2,500	all	100*	Alliance Spinning	2,600
300	2,000	500	...	Bhownuggur M. & P. Co.	525
100	5,500	all	...	Bombay	2,800
200	1,000	all	30*	Bombay United	1,070
600	150	150	25*	Broach Mills	240
2,500	2,000	all	...	Dhurumsey Spinning	1,475
750	2,000	all	200 p.c.	Great Eastern	2,300
750	1,000	all	...	Jewraj Ballo Mills	1,070
2,500	1,000	all	140 p.c.	Manockji Petit's	1,175
900	1,000	all	40 p.c.	Morarjee Spinning	1,110
800	2,500	all	150 p.c.	Oriental	3,075
600	2,500	2,400	116 p.c.	Royal	2,200
570	1,000	...	...	Soonderdas Spinning	1,300

* Per share for the half-year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

.....	2,500	1,500	108 p.c.	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	1,310
1,000	50	all	4½ p.ct.	Bombay Gas Company	65
500	500	300	15 p.c.	Landing and Shipping Co. of Kurrachee Ld.	150
2,150	200	100	7 p.c.	Malabar Company Ld.	100
1,000	50	all	12 p.c.	Mechanics B'd'gs Co.	23
2,000	500	all	45 p.c.	Prescher & Co	385
2,000	250	all	40 p.c.	Viegas Patent Slip Co	60

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

		Date of L'dation.		
.....	95	19½	...	Bank of China
.....	250	2	Mar. '66	Central Bank
.....	...	...	...	East India Bank
.....	200	13	Feb. '67	Indian Peninsula
.....	200	70½	May '67	Royal Bank

SALES AND PURCHASES.

PIECE GOODS.

There has been no change in the position of the market, and prices, as a rule, continue nominal in the absence of business. The up-country demand has become more unsatisfactory and is confined to a few descriptions of Grey Goods, in which only a small business is passing from first hands. The following sales are reported to have been made by European firms on Saturday :—

300	pieces	Grey Shirtings	40 in. 39 yds. 7 lbs.	at Rs.	4 11 0
550	,,	,,	,, inf 40 ,, 39 ,, 9 lbs.	at ,,	4 9 0
500	,,	,,	,, 40 ,, 39 ,, 7 lbs.	at ,,	4 12 0
500	,,	,,	,, 40 ,, 39 ,, 6 lbs.	at ,,	4 3 0
500	,,	,,	,, 40 ,, 39 ,, 6½ lbs.	at ,,	4 8 6

COTTON.

With the exception of Dhollera descriptions, in which an advance of Rs. 2 per candy has taken place, there has been no quotable change in the prices of other descriptions. The following purchases have taken place on Saturday :—

100	candies	New Bhownuggur	at Rs. 205 to 210
,,	,,	,,	at ,, 208
50	,,	Dhollera	at ,, 203
25	,,	Veerumgaum	at ,, 193
100	,,	,,	at ,, 192
50	,,	Wadwan	at ,, 200
75	,,	,,	at ,, 198 to 199
100	,,	Joda	at ,, 185 to 187

BOMBAY, BARODA, AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the Week ending 24th May 1873.

Open 413½ Mi es.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Coaching	40,515	0	0
Merchandize	1,18,060	0	0
Earth Trains	592	0	0
Electric Telegraph	809	0	0
Total Rs.	1,59,976	0	0

Corresponding week in May 1872.

Open 350½ Miles.

Coaching	45,641	0	0
Merchandize	1,15,785	0	0
Earth Trains	1,229	0	0
Electric Telegraph	687	0	0
Total Rs.	1,63,342	0	0
Decrease Rs.	3,366	0	0

CALCUTTA.—27TH MAY.

The following transactions were reported :—

In Government Securities :—

4 per cents., at Rs. 103-2 to 103-4, and small sums, at 2 to 4 annas higher.

4½ per cents. of 1872, at Rs. 105-2, and 105-4.

5½ per cents. at Rs. 110-14.

6 per cents. Municipal Depentures, small sums of 1864, at Rs. 113-6, and 1865 at Rs. 114-0.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
30	Doxford	McDonald	Liverpool, Nov. 15.
Sir J. R. Carnac (s)	Azzopardi	Put back.	
31	Calcutta (s)	Henderson	Zanzibar, May 12.
Lemrick Lass	Yeaton	New York, Dec 12.	
Caldew	Peterson	Sunderland, Dec 26.	
Atlantic	Mellin	Liverpool, Jan. 22.	

DEPARTURES.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
31	China (s)	Perrins	Australia.
Macedon	Jones	Liverpool.	
David Anderson	Nance	Zanzibar.	
India (s)	Henderson	Kurrachee.	
India (s)	Dodero	Genoa.	
H.M.S. Amberwitch	Bishop	Kurrachee.	

The following vessels were entered out for loading on Saturday last :—

Steamer Calcutta, to Persian Gulf via Kurrachee.

Ship British India, to Liverpool.

DAILY IMPORTS.—31st MAY.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Cella, s, 3,600 bundles iron hoops, S Mooljee.

FROM LONDON.

Gresham, s, 50 cases gin, J Nowrojee.

Corrina, s, 250 cases old tom, E R Mody; 20 cases cau de lavander, N Ardaser and Sons; 75 boxes candles, B Shapoorjee.

Strathclyde, s, 10 cases brandy, J M Moolla.

FROM GLASGOW.

City of Dublin, 15 cases acid, S R Sookhia.

FROM BORDEAUX.

Courrier de Bombay, 100 boxes brandy, N Ardaseer and Sons.

FROM TRIESTE.

Juno, s, 33 cases beads, S Goolamhoosan; 11 cases beer and 3 cases shoes, B. Brandenburg and Co.

FROM GENOA.

India, s, 5 cases medicins, H Rogers.

Persia, s, 100 cases brandy, J Nowrojee.

DAILY EXPORTS.—31st MAY.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Gardner Colby, 500 bundles linseed, B Brothers.

Iron Cross, 54 bales cotton, A Mooljee; 250 bales cotton, J C Bushy and Co; 40 bales cotton, G Cotton and Co; 28 bales cotton, S. Rajbux; 55 bales cotton, V Brothers.

Andaman, 160 bales cotton, Owen and Okell.

Glee Maiden, 1 bale cotton, K Abdoola; 53 bales cotton, K Hurmookroy.

Sandringham, 100 bales cotton, K Nixon and Co; 300 bales cotton, W Nicol and Co.

Centurion, 110 bales cotton, R Stewart and Co; 1,000 bags linseed, S Hobart and Co.

Eneano, 2,000 bags linseed, S Hobart and Co.

City of Dublin, 150 bales cotton, Owen and Okell; 300 bags linseed, W and A Graham and Co.

Red Gauntlet, s, 88 bales cotton, P Bazonjee.

Muriel, s, 65 bales cotton, J Pursotum; 200 bales cotton, Wallace and Co; 60 bales cotton and 15 bales wool, D Bhozraz.

Corrina, s, 18 bales cotton, S Rajbux; 30 bales skins, J Hassam and Co; 165 bales cotton, C Purbut and Co; 59 bales cotton, E Hurjeewan; 30 bales wool, R Yussonjee; 25 bales wool, T Chalaram.

Timor, s, 2 bags galls, A Salmun and Co; 39 bales wool, V. Lulcobhoy; 12 bales skins, H M C F Momed and Co; 1 bale skin, H Cosman and Co; 1 bale skin, H Abdoola and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Tanjore, s, 100 kegs aloes secotra, M Jewraz.

FOR HAVRE.

Travenion, 200 bales cotton, W Nicol and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Pekin, s, 13 bales cotton, H E Ellias; 51 packages olibanum, E F Mahomed; 11 chests opium, H A Esmail and Co; 27 chests opium, N Kessowjee and Co; 10 bales twist and 10 chests opium, F Ameerbhoy; 3 chests opium, A Behlatoola; 50 chests opium, R Dhunjeebhaw and Co; 71 bales cotton, K Hurmookroy; 25 bales twist, C Ebram; 2 boxes silver coins, J Peerbhoy; 6½ chests opium, G Gordhon; 5 chests opium, T Sewsamull; 11 chests opium, T Sitaram; 44 chests opium, M Vizbooken.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Pekin, s, 9 chests opium, R Dunjeebhaw and Co; 40 chests opium, B and A Hormusjee; 15 chests opium, A Habibbhoy; 4 chests opium, M Peerbhoodass; 12½ chests opium, G Balakee; 6 chests opium, B Joonkha; 12 chests opium, V Jaitha; 6 chests opium, G Mookhund; 4 chests opium, D Chooniall; 7½ chests opium, S Khetseedass; 11 chests opium, L Lellachund.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—MAY 18.

Haydon, Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, from leave, from Mahableshur.

MAY 30.

Lester, Lieutenant-Colonel, Staff Corps, from leave, from Matheran.

Collins, Staff Veterinary Surgeon, Veterinary Department, —, from Poona.

Graham, Quarter Master, Royal Artillery, from leave, from Matheran.

Singleton, Captain, 28th Regiment N. I., on leave, from Sholapore.

DEPARTURES.—MAY 30.

Bruce, Surgeon, Presidency Surgeon, on leave, to Lonowlee.

Clements, Major, Staff Corps, on leave, to England.

Gayer, Major, 21st Regiment N. I., on leave, to Bassein.

Haydon, Lieut-nant, Royal Engineers, on leave, to Europe.

Hogg, Major, Staff, on leave, to Europe.

Law, Lieutenant-Colonel, Political Department, on duty, to Rajcote.

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Longbourne, Captain, Bengal 5th Fusiliers, to join, to Bareilly.

Marcon, Major, Bengal 12th Regiment, to join, to Ferozepore.

Collins, Staff, Veterinary Surgeon, Veterinary Department, to join to Ahmedabad.

ORDERS BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA.

Head Quarters, Simla, 19th May 1873.

The C-in-C is pleased to direct the publication of the following Horse Guards' letter No 65,359—1, dated the 5th April 1873, for the information of officers concerned :—

"With reference to your letter of the 24th Oct last, Retirements, No 3710 A., and its enclosures, I am directed by H R H the Field Marshal Comdg-in-Chief to inform you, that the Army Purchase Commissioners have been authorized to investigate and rettle the claims for compensation for loss of bonus on retirement, in the case of officers belonging to the cadres of the Royal (late Indian) Artillery, and Engineers, in which payments, in accordance with the bonus system in operation before 1861, had been continued by them up to the 31st Oct 1871."

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence :—

General Staff—Lt Col C M MacGregor, (S C, Asst Qrmr Genl) for one month from date of availing himself of it, to port of embarkation, preparatory to furlough to Europe, on urgent private affairs.

Royal Horse Artillery—Maj and Bt Lt Col J Hills, C B, V C, (C Bat, F Brig,) to England, from date of departure, to appear before a medical board.

Maj G R Manderson, (E Bat, F Brig,) to England, from date of departure, to appear before a medical board.

5th Lancers—Capt and Paymaster J W McFarlan, to Cashmere, from the 1st June to the 25th Sept, on private affairs.

8th Foot, (1st Bat)—Capt J P Jones, to remain in England, on private affairs, from the 5th June to the 5th Aug, in extension.

55th Foot—Maj J R Hume, from the 7th to the 28th April, in extension of the preparatory leave granted in G O C C of the 3rd March, p 124.

98th Foot—Lt E E Coote, to England, overland, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

Surg E L Lundy, to England, overland, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

65th Foot—Maj and Paymaster J Thompson, to the hills north of Deyrah, for six months from date of availing himself of it, on medical certificate.

106th Foot—Capt F Warden, to Kussowlie, from the 18th June to the 15th Oct, on private affairs.

Madras Staff Corps—Lt E A Fraser, (Adjt 3rd Mad L C,) to Calcutta, for twelve months from the 1st May, to study the native languages under G O 285 of 1866.

[This cancels the leave granted in G O C C of the 5th April, p 172.]

Bengal Infantry—Lt Col P S Yorke, (2nd in Command 12th Ben Cav,) to Simla and hills north of Deyrah, from the 1st July to the 15th Oct, on private affairs.

General List, Infy—Capt H S Moules, (recently removed from the service,) from the 15th to the 25th Dec, on private affairs.

Indian Medical Service.—Asst Surg A H Williams, M B, to Murree, from date of availing himself of it to the 28th Sept, on medical certificate, under the rules of 1868.

Asst Surg A G Grant, M B, (in medical charge 7th N I,) to Bombay, for one month from date of leaving regt, to appear before a medical board.

Public Works Department—Condr James Cargin, (Barrackmaster, Agra Division,) to Deyrah and the Hills north of it, for six months, on medical certificate, from date of availing himself of the same.

MADRAS GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(*Fort St. George Gazette*, May 27.)

The undermentioned officers have obtained leave of absence from their stations :—

The Rev R P Little, B A, Senior Chaplain on the Madras Establishment, for eighteen months, to proceed to Europe on medical certificate under Section 5 (a) with preparatory leave not exceeding thirty days under Section 10 (a) or Supplement E of the Civil Leave Code.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr C W Burroughs, Asst Master in the Government Normal School, Madras, for two years, to proceed to Europe on medical certificate, under Section 3 of Supplement F of the Civil Leave Code.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. H Morris, District and Sessions Judge of the Godavery District, for two years, from the 14th July next, to proceed to Europe on furlough under Section 7 (a), with preparatory leave not exceeding thirty days, under Section 15 (a) of the Civil Leave Code.

Mr C G Plumer, District and Sessions Judge of North Arcot, privilege leave for one month, from 7th June next, under Section 18 of the Civil Leave Code.

Capt G E H Beauchamp, Asg Supt of the Central Jail at Cannanore, privilege leave for two months, in extension of the leave granted to him in the Gazette of the 6th inst, under Section 18 of the Civil Leave Code.

The Right Hon'ble the Govr in Council has been pleased to make the following appointments :—

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Octavius Butler Irvine to be District and Sessions Judge of North Tanjore from 6th June 1873, vice Mr. Pelly retired, but to act as District and Sessions Judge of the Godavery District during the absence of Mr. Morris on leave or until further orders.

Mr. Edmond Forster Webster to be District and Sessions Judge of Cuddapah, Mr. Huntly Pryse Gordon to be Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Cuddalore, and Mr. Francis Henry Woodroffe to be Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Madura—To take effect from 6th June 1873.

Mr. William Logan to act as District and Sessions Judge of North Malabar during the absence of Mr. J W Reid on special leave, or until further orders, with effect from the 10th June 1873.

M. Appadorai Aiyer, B. A., to be Sub-Registrar of Maropanad District of Tinnnevelly.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. A. McCallum Webster to be Sub-Collr and Joint Mag of the Chingleput District. Mr. H. Sewell, to be Sub-Collr and Joint Mag of the Coimbatore District but to continue to act as Collector and Mag of North Arcot during the absence of Mr. Whiteside on leave, or until further orders. Mr. J. Cameron to be Head Assistant to the Collr and Mag of the Malabar District. Mr. W. F. Grahame to be Senior Asst to the Collr and Mag and Agent of the Governor of Fort St. George in Ganjam but to continue to act as Principal Asst during the employment of Mr Hope on other duty, or until further orders—To take effect from 6th June 1873.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Reverend Henry Pope, Chaplain of Coimbatore to act as joint Chaplain of St George's Cathedral, Madras, during the absence of Mr Warlow on leave, or until further orders.

The Rev Thomas Foulkes Acting Chaplain of Trinity District, Bangalore, to be Chaplain of Calicut with charge of the Chaplaincy of Coimbatore.

The Rev James Mackee, D D, Chaplain of Trevandrum, to act as Chaplain of Mercara during the absence of Mr Trotman on leave or until further orders.

Under the provisions of Section 5 Act IV. of 1871 the Governor in Council hereby appoints the Ex Engr Public Works Dept of the Eastern Delta range to be a member of the Local Fund Board of the Coconada Circle.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Under the provisions of Section 7 Act III of 1871 (the Towns Improvement Act) the Governor in Council hereby appoints Mr Authemeolum to be a Town Commissioner, for carrying out in the town of Coonoor, in the Neilgherry District, the purposes of the said Act.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

The services of First Class Apothecary Thomas Quinn, Port Surgeon at Bimlipatam, are placed at the disposal of the Maharajah of Vizianagram, in view to his assuming charge of the Central Dispensary at Vizianagram.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Captain W H Hallett, a Mag of Police for the Town of Madras, assumed charge of the Office on the forenoon of the 17th instant.

Lt Col R M Macdonald, Inspr Genl of Registration, resumed charge of the Office from Mr J G Ferrand on the forenoon of the 17th inst.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

The three months' privilege leave granted to Mr T Pritchard, Depy Collr, genl duty, Salem, in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 6th instant, page 333, is cancelled at his own request.

The unexpired portion of the two months and thirteen days privillege leave granted to Mr J W Best, Acting Sub-Collr and Joint Mag of Coimbatore in the Fort St. George Gazette of 18th March 1873, page 550, is cancelled at his own request.

Under Section 37 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Act X of 1872), Diddigi Hanumanta Row, Acting Sheristadar in Ramakka Taluq, in the District of Kurnool, is appointed to be a Mag of the third class, and to exercise the power conferred on Mags of that class by notification of 1st January 1873.

Under Section 37 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Act X of 1872), Areiyapuram Subba Iyer, Acting Depy Tahsildar of Khodavasal in the Nannilam Taluq in the District of Tanjore, is appointed to be a Mag of the third class and to exercise the powers conferred on Mags of that class by Notification of 1st January 1873.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

The undermentioned officer is permitted to proceed to Europe, —Capt T Lowndes, of the S C, Asst Political Agent, Bhamo, British Burmah, on furlough on private affairs for two years, under the Regulations of 1868, and to embark from Bombay.

With reference to the General Orders, No 392, dated 8th May 1873, No 393, dated 8th May 1873, No 396, dated 8th May 1873, No 398, dated 9th May 1873, No 413, dated 15th May 1873, issued by the Government of Bombay, permitting the undermentioned Officers of this Presidency to proceed to Europe on medical certificate, those officers are granted furlough to Europe under the Regulations of 1868 as indicated against their names.

Capt E L Armstrong of the S C, 1st Wing Subn 24th Regt N I, on medical certificate for two years.

Asst Surg J A W Spence, of the Indian Med Dept, 2nd In fy, Hydrabad Contingent, on medical certificate for eighteen months.

Lt (Bt Capt) E J Gunthorp, of the S C, Asst Supt of Police, Hydrabad Assigned Districts, on private affairs for 20 months.

The following alteration of rank and promotion are made subject to Her Majesty's approval :—

Capt H F H Sewell (S C) to have the position from 1st April 1873, vice Vallance retired.

Lt M Protheroe (Capt in S C) to have the position of Capt in succession to Palmer promoted. Dated 13th April 1873.

H R H the Field Marshal Comdg-in-Ch has been pleased to grant leave of absence on recommendation of a Medical Board to Maj J R Lovett, 48th Foot, from 4th April to 8th Oct 1873.

Capt G E Western, Gunnery Inst, Adjt 40th N I, has obtained from the School of Musketry at Hythe a first class extra certificate in Musketry.

The following transfers of officers of R A have been authorized by the Right Hon the C-in-C in India, pending the approval of H R H the Field Marshal C-in-C :—

Lt G G Monk Mason from No 1 Baty 5th Brig to F Baty 20th Brigade.

Lt E A Bowles from No 6 to No 1 Baty 5th Brig.

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES ORDERS.

(*Government Gazette, N. W. Provinces*, May 31.)

The undermentioned officers have been granted leave of absence :—

Mr S Smith, District Superintendent of Police, Mirzapore, three months' privilege leave, with effect from the 2nd August, 1873.

Maj J Fisher, Officiating Senior Assistant Commissioner, Kumaon, three months' privilege leave, with effect from the 1st June, 1873, or from date of making over charge of the district to Mr J O'B Beckett.

GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

In modification of the Notification from this Department No 260A, dated 17th April last, Mr Charles H Hill, B A, Trinity College, Dublin, of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law, to be Law Professor at the Muir College, Allahabad, as a temporary arrangement, during the absence on deputation of the Hon W Jardine.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

With reference to Notification No 462E, dated 6th inst, Mr W Hall, Ex Engr, 1st grade, left Bombay for England on the 10th idem on the 12 months' leave, on medical certificate, granted to him.

POSTAL NOTICES.

DEPARTURE OF OCEAN MAILS.

	Date.	Mail closes.	After-packet.
United Kingdom	June 6	5-30 P.M.	6-30 P.M
Kurrachee	,, 11	11 A.M.	12 A.M.
Persian Gulf via Kurrachee	,, 4	11 A.M.	12 A.M.
China	,, 2	4-30 P.M.	No after packet.
Australia	,, 28	4-30 P.M.	
Mauritius, Reunion, &c	,, 6	5-30 P.M.	6-30 P.M.
Zanzibar, &c	,, 9	5-30 P.M.	6-30 P.M.

OVERLAND MAIL.

The Overland Mail Steamers of the P. and O. S. N. Company leave Bombay during the Monsoon on Fridays, at 5 P.M.

Letters will be received at the General Post Office up to 3-30 P.M.

Newspapers, Books, and Patterns, up to 1-30 P.M.

Registered Letters up to 1 P.M. Letters presented for registration after that hour will be received up to 3 P.M. on payment of an additional fee of 8 annas on each letter. The additional fee to be paid in stamps affixed to such letters.

Late letters, if fully prepaid by means of stamps in respect both of postage and of late letter fee (4 annas each), will be received at the Pier Post Office from 3-30 to 4-30 P.M.

The latest hour for posting Overland covers at the several Branch Post Offices will be 1 P.M.

Fully prepaid letters will be received on board the Overland Mail Steamer after 3 P.M. up to starting time (5 P.M.) by the payment of an additional fee of Eight Annas. All others will be refused.

The postage chargeable on letters sent to the countries mentioned below *through Trieste* is altered as follows, with effect from the 1st April 1873 :—

	Present Rates per ½ oz. Annas Pies.	Revised Rate— per ½ oz. Annas Pies.
Austria, Luxemburg German States, Austrian Post Offices in Turkey	8 8	8 0
Belgium, Denmark, Netherlands, Switzerland, Moldavia, Wallachia, Servia	9 4	9 0

POSTAGE BY THE BRINDISI ROUTE.

The Postage rates chargeable on Correspondence forwarded "via Brindisi," to the United Kingdom, or places served through the United K dom, are as follows :—

For the United Kingdom.

Each Letter per ½ ounce—annas 8.

Each Newspaper per 4 ounces—annas 2.

Each Book or Pattern Packet not exceeding one ounce—1 anna and 4 pie; not exceeding 2 ounces—annas 2, 8 pies; not exceeding 4 ounces—annas 4, 8pies; every additional 4 ounces—annas 4 8 pies.

The full prepayment of Correspondence forwarded via Brindisi is optional and all covers not fully prepaid will, unless specially marked by the senders for transmission by any other route and conforming to its conditions, be forwarded via Southampton.

The subjoined Table shows the dates of departure of Overland Mail Steamers from Bombay during the first half of 1873 :—

At 5 P.M.	At 5 P.M.
Friday ..... June 6	Friday ..... June 13

CHINA AND AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

The subjoined Table shows the dates of departure of the China and Australian Mail Steamers from Bombay during the first half of 1873 :—

CHINA MAILS LEAVE BOMBAY ON

At 4-30 P.M.	At 4-30 P.M.
Monday ..... June 2	Monday ..... June 30
,, ... ,, 16	

AUSTRALIAN MAILS LEAVE BOMBAY ON

At 4-30 P.M.

Saturday ..... June 28

Registered letters will be received until 1 P.M. on the respective days. The Postage for a ½ oz. letter to the Australian Colonies 8 as. 8 pies.

MAILS TO MAURITIUS.

The subjoined Time table, shows the dates of departure of mails for Mauritius and Reunion for the first half of 1873 :—

REGULAR MAILS.	SUPPLEMENTARY MAILS.
Monday ..... June 6	Monday ..... June 13

MAILS FOR ZANZIBAR.

Leave Zanzibar.	Arrive Aden.	Leave Aden.	Arrive Bombay.
June 7.	June 16.	June, 19.	June 27.

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

EUROPE.

MARRIAGE.

EXLEY—SCULTHORPE—April 29th, at Gissing, by the Rev. E. Gill, W. H. Exley, Esq., of Wisbech, to Miss Sculthorpe, niece of Sir William Kemp, Bart., of Gissing Hall, Cambridgeshire.

BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

SPALDING—May 30th, at Girgaum, the wife of Veterinary Surgeon J. Spalding, of a daughter.

DEATH.

MACNAGHTEN—May 27th, at Rajkote,

more rough weather before the monsoon breaks. A correspondent praises some person or persons unknown for starting a small library on the hill, but regrets that there is no band to play on some green plot on the hill, where all the beauty of the station may be attracted. With that selfishness which characterises people who are enjoying themselves, the same correspondent hints that the Town Band might do very well for the purpose! No, no, Mr. Correspondent; that will not do. The Town Band is the only band which Bombay now possesses, and will be, until the Esplanade Fee Fund Committee become educated up to a certain point of generosity and will not grudge twopence-halfpenny-farthing for an omnibus to convey the musicians of the 19th N. I. to the bandstand. In the meantime we suggest for Matheran, the man of Apollo Bunder who "plays six instruments all at once."

SIMLA GOSSIP.

ANOTHER accident occurred the other day near Mushobra. A gentleman and his horse were precipitated down the khud, and though they both escaped without any bones broken, the former was severely bruised and shaken, and the latter badly hurt in the knee, so that it is feared that it will not be of much use for riding in future. This comes of having unrailed roads. If it had not been for the many trees and bushes about, there can be no doubt that the result would have been very serious.

Another accident of a different description took place on the Mall a few days ago. A boat-dandy suddenly capsized as it was being carried along, discharged its contents—consisting of innumerable shawls, cushions, and wrappers, and, though last not least, a young lady—ignominiously into the road, and then screened them from the public gaze by the ingenious method of flopping down on top of them. The jampanees were observed kicking and struggling over the ruins, and by way of putting a finishing touch to the scene, a gentleman threw himself bodily on the group, thus making confusion worse confounded in the hope of extricating the young lady from her extremely unpleasant position.

The levée held on the morning of the 24th was attended by many distinguished individuals. The native chiefs in particular mustered rather strong. There were the Maharajah Scindia who has lately arrived from Gwalior, the Rajah of Belaspore, the Rajah of Nattore, and many petty rajahs from the surrounding districts. Among the gentlemen might have been noticed Colonel Pelly, Major Impey, the Archdeacon, and others. At Annandale, the Volunteers appeared early in the morning, after having fired the *feu de joie* in Simla, accompanied by the cannon. They began the day's doings by a skirmish, which was kept up till breakfast time, when they repaired to the tents prepared for their reception and began to enjoy themselves.

The cadet corps distinguished themselves in the shooting, but the Volunteers were on the whole rather a failure. After the shooting was over, and the ladies had arrived, there began the usual round of racing, cricket, croquet, music and dancing. The whole was gone through without anything occurring to disturb the general harmony. It is true that there was one individual who suddenly began performing a dance by himself in the middle of the day without the slightest provocation, but whether this was owing to natural or artificial spirits it is hard to say. However, he was too insignificant to be taken much notice of. The prize-giving took place in the evening, with the following results:—A medal was the prize of the champion (Captain Litster of the cadet corps), who, however, was not there to receive it. Sergeant Major Douglas won the regimental prize—a silver-mounted biscuit-box. The next was Ensign Caldecourt, who carried off a silver mug. Then came Volunteers Mathews and Hurst, and Corporal Heron, all of whom received silver mugs.

There were besides several other prizes presented by private individuals, comprising watches, jugs, tankards, egg-stands, medicine-chests, &c., &c., which were all given away in due time.

DEOLALEE.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

29TH MAY.

THE weather for the past ten days has been most trying, the mercury according to my thermometer indicating 119 degrees of heat. In addition to the excessive heat experienced by us during the day we have hot winds constantly blowing, which makes existence doubly intolerable. I am only astonished how we Europeans, some of us just recently arrived from England, eke out our existence. For several evenings past we have had thunder, lightning, and heavy rain between the hours of seven and nine. Old gossips tell me the rain coming down after the setting of the moon is a certain sign that we will have abundance of rain, which will prove beneficial to our food crops. I sincerely hope this prediction of theirs will prove correct, and that speedily.

NEWS-LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

JEYPORE, 26TH MAY.

LAST week invites were sent out by Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Beynon to the European residents of Jeypore for their presence at a concert, which was held last Friday evening in honour of Her Majesty's birthday. Of those who filled the room to celebrate the 54th anniversary of Queen Victoria's birth, there were the following ladies and gentlemen:—Dr. DeFabeck, Miss Biggs, Dr. and Mrs. Colin Valentine, Mrs. Fraser, Captain Law, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, Mr. T. W. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Scorgie, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Traill, Mr. Yuill, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Miss Rossiter, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Jackson, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. Curton, and last, but by no means least, YOUR OWN, together with many others, and all the European children that could be collected in the station. We numbered between sixty and seventy. I am pretty well accustomed to making myself conversant with the incidents of a station and all pertaining to it; but, I might have made a topographical survey of Jeypore for a century and would never have seen congregated on any other occasion so good a muster as met together in the handsomely furnished rooms of the Political Agency's Residency. The well-arranged gardens round the house were lit up with Chinese lanterns, whilst the darkness of the night added to the brilliancy of the effect without. I must not here omit a special notice of the band, for the fact I have to record never before came under my notice—in India at all events. His Highness the Maharajah of Jeypore's band is under the direction of Mr. Böker, the German bandmaster, and often as I had listened with delight to their music in public on their brass instruments I was certainly taken a little by surprise to see St. Cecilia's votaries—in their white costumes and their red puggries, the latter decked out with a symbolic gilt ornament, the lyre—make their début with stringed instruments—the bass and tenor viols and first and second fiddles—the whole being conducted by Mr. Böker on his Cremona. That gentleman deserves indeed the highest credit for his able handling of the material at his disposal in thus fusing the *utile dulci*. The dual accomplishment in a native band is, I think, uncommon, and that is the reason why I have gone out of the way to notice it. Their execution of Auber's overture *Le Maçon* and a selection from Rousseau's *Wilhelm Tell* was very creditable. Miss B——'s solo on the piano, "By the Sad Sea Waves" displayed both power and beauty, and I may observe once for all in the matter of this young lady's execution on one of Harold's best sympathetic instruments, that it was above the ordinary amateur level, and that she contributed mainly to the vocal and instrumental performances of the evening. Captain Law's song, "Come back to Erin," Dr. DeFabeck's "Martin the Man at Arms," and the "Yeoman's Wedding"—all the songs throughout the evening having been sung with Miss B——'s piano accompaniment—were all of them sung with power and effect. I have on several occasions written of Dr. DeFabeck's versatility and genius. His rich baritone voice displayed executive powers and an artistic enthusiasm that would reflect great credit in a professional display. A duett, "Fair Shines the Moon To-night," by Dr. Law and Mr. Miles, a song and chorus by Captain Law, Dr. DeFabeck and Mr. Miles, and a song "Dorothy Drew" by the latter, were welcome additions to our concert music. Two duetts, flute and piano, and violin and piano, contributed to the brilliant efficiency of the cast, and were received with enthusiastic applause. The first was from Bellini's *Ciel pietoso in si crudo momento*, the flute being in the hands of Mr. Curton, an accomplished master of the instrument, which was played with care and high skill. The next was Singalee's Fantasie from *La Muette de Portici*, Mr. Böker wielding the bow on his Cremona. This piece was admirably and successfully executed. I must not forget the piano duett by Dr. DeFabeck and Miss B——, being Strauss' *Beautiful Blue Danube* waltzes, which were delicately and admirably rendered, and displayed the exceptional merits of both performers. About midnight the national anthem was sung to the piano accompaniment by all the vocalists, and which included the hostess, and all the young ladies in the room, the whole audience standing during the strain. After this was over the company sat down to a splendid and ample supper, to which full justice was done, to viands as well as wines. Shortly after we broke up, highly delighted with the entertainment and the amiability and affability of our excellent host and Mrs. Beynon, whose sphere of action here in her own beneficent way does indeed combine the *dulci* with the *utile*.

A storm passed over Jeypore yesterday about 6 P.M. There was lightning and thunder, and a heavy shower of rain, that came down in solid-hitting drops, like those of the first of a thunder shower to which Byron alludes in his description of the "Dying Gladiator." The storm appeared to eddy away far towards the east, for the lightning did not cease till towards morning. To-day between 2 and 3 P.M. another squall passed over the station. The clouds all around are heavy and portentous, and it is probable we shall have more rain during the evening.

I have not as yet said much to you of that public pleasaunce, the Ram Newas Garden at Jeypore. I shall have critically to dispose of this subject in a separate letter, having been favoured with a perusal of the last official report on this grand garden scheme. From its grounds the public even up to date can be supplied with vegetables procurable generally during the cold weather only, namely, cabbages, lettuce, carrots, beet, celery, tomatos, potatoes and others of sorts. Of the hot weather productions, there are now issued the American squash, maize, calul and English *surdah* melons, vegetable marrows of kinds. Of fruit there are strawberries in abundance, and other descriptions of Indian fruit, but the fruit garden section is not yet sufficiently advanced to make anything of a display. When all the exotic fruit trees have grown up we shall have a show in India worthy of a tourist's visit.

In some of my letters I had occasion to write concerning the Ramgurh great lake project, and the water supply to the city from the Aman-i-Shah river. With regard to the first I have been informed, through an unquestionable source, that the contract deeds with Messrs. Glover & Co. of your city have not yet been signed, sealed, and delivered, and the reason appears to be that a clause is required to be inserted in which the contractors are to hold themselves responsible for the maintenance of the masonry dam for a space of *six* years after its construction, and if intermediately any accident should arise that would render the project a nullity, the advances made are to be refunded—conditions that Messrs. Glover & Co. are very likely (?) to accept. In my humble opinion I would not consider these terms even too stringent were a proviso entered in the articles of agreement that they receive half the profits of the irrigation returns for a term of years, say twice the number they are expected to guarantee the stability of their work.

I made an allusion in my last letter in writing upon the Aman-i-Shah water supply for the city to the masonry dam which gave way eighteen years since, and I do not deem that my observations were by any means hypercritical on what I considered a scheme impracticable so far that the use of steam force pumps would ultimately turn out a snare and a delusion. That my remarks are timely I have good reason to know from information I have subsequently obtained. It was during Major Ludlow's incumbency as Political Agent that many important public works were commenced here. A splendid circular road was made on the south and west of the city, of which nothing now is left but the fine full-grown avenue of trees that shade vast expanses of sand-drifts. The passes through the hills in the neighbourhood of the city were made and embellished with gardens, and these happily still remain. Amongst the other projects, the one to provide the city with pure water, I have already pretty fully described. But at the time of sending you my account I did not know that Lieutenant Morton, of the Bengal Engineers, was placed at Major Ludlow's disposal for the work, but he left it in, 1849, just before the completion of the masonry dam, the destruction of which I have already related and which gave way in the year 1855 for the want of a proper abutment on the west side of the Aman-i-Shah river, thus destroying the labour and work of years and carrying with them capital to the amount of three and a half lacs of rupees. This was more to be regretted, because the work had been represented to the people as of a national character, and *a cess had been levied for its construction* which made the failure more notorious and not likely to increase the confidence in British engineering skill. I am not therefore surprised that the Jeypore durbar, bearing in mind the fate of, and the loss incurred in, the former scheme, they should appear a little unreasonable in their stipulations when the sum *now* involved is fourteen lacs of rupees and upwards. It would, however, be nothing but fair if additional responsibilities be thrown upon the contractors that they should derive additional contingent benefits for the responsibilities incurred and the establishment they would have to maintain to guarantee the stability of their work. According to my humble notion the terms under the arrangement suggested above would benefit all whom the Ramgurh lake scheme concerns—the Maharajah, for his name will co-exist with the survival of the project; the irrigators and cultivators of the reclaimed waste lands, for they will raise food for the surrounding population independent of a scanty rain supply or draught; the contractors, for their names will be indissolubly connected with a work giving great practical results for ages to come, than which no honour can be more lasting in a country which looks forward year after year with depressing doubts concerning its annual water supply.

THE GOVERNMENT'S DIRECTIONS ABOUT SNAKE BITE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The Government have done all us up-country residents a great kindness in publishing directions how to proceed in the event of being bitten by a snake, but we want something more: we want coloured drawings of the different sorts of snakes; such drawings would not cost much, and should be given gratis to all applicants for them.

We are overrun here with snakes, scorpions, and centipedes, and this last week in May, with the thermometer at 106°, not 90°, you may judge we have no energy left, and would almost prefer to run the risk of death from snake-bite to taking the trouble to search through half a dozen books to ascertain whether the snake was a poisonous one or not.

Akote, Berar, 30th May. A. G.

THEATRICAL ACCOMMODATION FOR BOMBAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In common with the majority of the playgoing community in Bombay, I have read with much interest the recent articles in the papers regarding the horrible condition of the Grant Road Theatre, and the crying want of some *decent* house to which a gentleman can with propriety and satisfaction invite a lady to accompany him.

Nothing but the utter supineness and stagnation of public spirit of every sort, into which Bombay seems of late to have fallen, could excuse for one moment such a state of matters as at present exists. That a city arrogating to itself the titles of "Capital of India (!) and "Emporium of the East" (!!) should in such a matter allow itself to be surpassed by every petty provincial town in the country is certainly incomprehensible.

Calcutta, *the poor old jealous wife* (?) supports an opera and theatre for five months annually, and is besides possessed of at least two *public buildings* where entertainments can be given with justice to the performers and satisfaction to the audience. Bombay is not possessed of a *single* building of which as much can be said.

The proposal contained in Mr. Bennee's letter is, I think, the only feasible one by which we may hope to produce a more satisfactory condition of affairs. Some slight alterations might be made in his programme, which would render it more tempting to the public. I consider that a theatre constructed on the principles mentioned, and managed by a man of such long experience and undoubted ability as Mr. Bennee, costing not more than Rs. 25,000, and open from October to May, ought, and should be made, to earn a dividend of from 6 per cent. to 10 per cent., and this, with the privilege of free entrance once a week, should make the scheme a popular one.

Lewis, with his company, will in all probability revisit Bombay in September or October, and if, as is perfectly possible, a comfortable theatre in a convenient spot be erected by that time, he would not, I am sure, grudge a rent of from Rs. 750 to Rs. 1,000 for his month's stay. The refreshment bar, which would be necessary, would bring a regular monthly rental (whether let by the month or by the night) of from Rs. 150 to Rs. 300 There are other sources from which a regular and certain return might be expected which I could mention, only I am afraid I have already presumed too far on your good nature.

In conclusion I have only to add, in confirmation of how widely-recognised is the want of proper theatrical accommodation in Bombay, that Mr. Bennee informs me an enterprising native has already come forward and offered to build a theatre at an expense of Rs. 22,000. It is to be hoped that the Bombay public will not, by its refusal of support, allow Mr. Bennee to be driven to accept the offer. There are but two conditions necessary to secure the complete success of Mr. Bennee's scheme, and these are, firstly, that the theatre shall be erected and owned, and secondly, *managed by Europeans* alone. I am open to bet *one* G. M. that it is neither.

Bombay, 31st May. THE MAJOR.

THE RIGHT OF WAY AT BANDORA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Of late a number of letters have been published on the subject of the right of way at the Bandora Point, or, as it is generally called, the Land's End; but the writers have more or less evinced some ignorance of the facts which materially bear on the subject. Perhaps it is not generally known that the previous owners of the premises had prevented strangers from trespassing on the "Point." This one fact alone is sufficient to establish the right of the present proprietor, Mr. Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, to prevent the residents or others from taking an airing in the compound of his bungalow. But there are other considerations more weighty than this, which ought to be known to those who intend to encroach upon the ground of lawful owners. About three years ago, a number of European residents of Bandora, who had temporarily taken up quarters there, filed a suit in the court of the subordinate magistrate of Tanna to assert their right to go to the Point. Mr. Byramjee very naturally resisted this attempt on the part of the complainants to wrest from him the much-coveted piece of ground. The complaint was heard before the magistrate; one or two witnesses for them were examined; but their evidence was in favour of the defendant's right to the said land; and after hearing the arguments of the defendant's counsel, the magistrate recorded his finding in writing, giving a verdict for the defendant. Thus after a formal judicial enquiry, Mr. Byramjee was declared to be—as in point of fact he is—the lawful owner and possessor of the piece of ground in question; and any one now encroaching on it will be a trespasser and liable to punishment. Against this decision of the magistrate there was no appeal to any of the higher authorities; and it therefore now remains good for all time coming.

One of your correspondents said that the defeated parties threatened an appeal, whereupon Mr. Byramjee threw open the compound to the public. This is utterly incorrect. After having gained the case, Mr. Byramjee put up a notice, signed by Messrs. Prentis and Bishop, on the gateway, to the effect that all persons trespassing on his premises without his permission would be prosecuted; and he kept the gates closed for some days to assert his authority for opening or closing it as he pleased. This is sufficient in law to have established his right to the ground. He, however, allowed strangers to promenade on the Point after having fully vindicated his right to the ground, though occasionally shutting them out altogether.

I am informed, however, that it is not Mr. Byramjee's intention to keep the gateway closed to all comers. He will allow the public the benefit of enjoying the pure sea-breeze at the Point; but if they molest him by claiming it as their right, he will defend himself even if he has to go so far as the High Court.

It is a mistake to suppose that because Mr. David Richmond withdrew the charge of trespass against Mr. Pendlebury and others that Mr. Byramjee has given up the plot of ground to the public. Mr. Richmond was a tenant of Mr. Byramjee's and has had no abiding interest to prosecute the complaint to the end; and, moreover, as he is about to proceed to Europe, he wisely withdrew from a contest in which he was not much concerned. But this withdrawal by a third party does not in the least affect the law on the subject or the right of Mr. Byramjee to resist trespass.

I enclose my card.

Bombay, 31st May. ALPHA.

BOMBAY.

CHOLERA AT NERIAD.—We observe that cholera has made its appearance at Neriad.

CHOLERA.—A case of cholera was reported to have occurred at Bhendy Bazaar on Friday.

A NEW NATIVE PAPER AT AHMEDABAD.—A new Gujeerathee paper made its appearance at Ahmedabad last week.

SUICIDE BY A BANIA WOMAN AT NERIAD.—The other day a Bania woman committed suicide at Neriad by taking a dose of opium.

THIRD MAGISTRATE OF POLICE.—Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee, Third Magistrate of Police, resumed charge of his office on Saturday afternoon.

DACOITY.—Last week a gang of dacoits entered the village of Tulukpore, near Surat, and looted a Bania of his property worth about Rs. 6,000.

GOVERNMENT STABLES.—Stables are now being in course of erection on the Esplanade at the State expense for the use of Government officers.

SURAT.—We learn from Surat that small-pox is prevalent at that station. Some of the natives of the place are so superstitious that they object to get their children vaccinated.

THE VEHAR LAKE.—The height of water in Vehar Lake for the week ending Saturday, 24th May, was 40 feet 2 tenths. In the corresponding week last year it was 36 feet 8 tenths.

ACCIDENT ON BOARD-SHIP.—On Friday a Mahomedan named Moobaruck, employed on board the ship Ashgrove, had his left leg broken by a bale of cotton falling on it. He was removed to the Jamsetjee Hospital.

MURDER AT NERIAD.—A short time ago a coolie named Becher Joosha was brutally assaulted in his field near the Neriad talooka, from the effects of which he died. The assailant has been arrested by the police on a charge of murder.

A VAGRANT.—John North, a European, was on Saturday charged before the Senior Magistrate with being a vagrant and wandering about without any visible means of subsistence, and was ordered to be sent to the Government work-house attached to the House of Correction.

MR. NANABHAI HARRIDAS.—Mr. Nanabhai Harridas, the recently appointed Judge of the High Court, proceeded to Surat on Friday last, where he is to be entertained by the native community in honour of his appointment to a Judgeship of the High Court. He will return to Bombay on Wednesday.

GAMBLING.—At the Fort Police Court on Saturday Dawood Bapoo and two others were charged before the Senior Magistrate with being found gambling in a common gaming house with cards, dice, and money. Mr. Hurryshunker appeared on behalf of the defence. The defendants were adjudged guilty and fined twenty rupees each.

ESCAPE OF PRISONERS FROM THE YERROWDA JAIL.—On the night of Thursday three prisoners are reported to have escaped from the Yerrowda Jail, near Poona. Two of the prisoners were Beloochees and one a Mahomedan. Each of the prisoners is said to be about forty years of age, well built, and of a fair complexion. The Belooches have long hair, and are both marked with small-pox on the face.

A POLICEMAN IN TROUBLE.—At the Fort Police Court on Friday a policeman employed in the Bombay Police Force, was charged before Mr. Nana Morojee, at the instance of Mr. Superintendent Bailey, with receiving a bribe or unauthorized reward of half a rupee from one Abdool Curreem, a buggy driver. The magistrate on the evidence convicted the peon and sentenced him to four months' rigorous imprisonment.

THE WEATHER AT SIRCY.—From Sircy a correspondent writes—"Since my last letter to you the weather here has greatly improved. It is now neither too hot nor too cold. On the evening of the 23rd inst. we had a sharp shower of rain with hailstones as big as walnuts; and also another shower yesterday evening; and after these showers the dusty roads became quite clean and hard. Yesterday being the birthday of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, all the public offices were closed. The day before yesterday the municipal members of this town held a committee meeting, at which it was proposed to ask the higher authorities to retain to the Sircy dispensary the services of the present first class hospital assistant, who is on the point of being transferred to some other place."

H. M.'S 83RD REGIMENTAL SCHOOL SPORTS AT SATTARA.—These sports were held on the cricket ground, Sattara on Saturday, the 24th ult. There was a large attendance of spectators, the fairer sex being brilliantly represented. Lieutenant Anderson kindly officiated as judge and referee, and at the conclusion of the sports the children of the detachment of H. M.'s 83rd Regiment were entertained, in the way of a tea party, kindly provided for them by Lieutenant Anderson of H. M.'s 83rd Regiment. One and all of the children of the school were present on the occasion, with a few adults, who very kindly used their best endeavours in making the affair as happy as possible. Great credit is due to Mr. Anderson for the untiring zeal he has displayed, not only on this, but on several previous occasions, in contributing to the welfare and happiness of the children of the detachment. The following was the result of the sports:—200 Yards Race—J. Gordon, 1; R Gordon, 2; J. Lockman, 3. 150 Yards Race—P. Lockman, 1; J. Gordon, 2; T. Reddington, 3. High Jump—H. Edwards (3ft), 1; J Gordon, 2. Sack Race—R Gordon, 1; T. Reddington, 2. A soldiers' race, 200 yards, completed the programme: Fletcher, 1; Larmor, 2; Murphy, 3.

THE NOWANUGGUR STATE.—A native paper observes that the complaints, appearing in the public papers, against the bad administration of the Nowanuggur State, in Kattywar, deserve the serious attention of Government. The prerogatives of the Native Rajas and Chiefs are no doubt, says the writer, important, and ought to be scrupulously respected; but the rights of their ryots are even more important, and more inviolable, and any attempt on the part of the Chiefs to violate these rights ought to be put down by a strong hand. The chief complaints against this Native State are that its police oppresses and acts cruelly towards the ryots; the judicial department is corrupt and arbitrary; the karbharees are rogues; they extort money from those who appeal to the Jam from the unjust decisions of his subordinate officers, and if their illegal demands are refused, obstruct the appellants in their attempts to obtain redress of their grievances; and the condition of the State treasury is unsatisfactory, and the accounts of the State revenues confused.

CRICKET.—A cricket match was played on Saturday afternoon between the "Government Telegraph" and "Colaba Depot" Clubs, which ended in a draw. The Depot won the toss and sent the Telegraph to the wickets, who put together 111 to the Depot's 65. In their second Inning the Telegraph ran up a score of 91 for five wickets, when stumps were drawn. The scores are appended:—

TELEGRAPH.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Nagle, b. Fido	8	not out	28
Clarke, b. Fido	18	b. D'Souza	33
Craggs, b. Corkery	3	c. Fido b. D'Souza	15
Walker, l. b. w. Fido	14		
Thorpe, c. Fido b. Ansell	16	b. Fido	2
Adams, not out	44	stumped Fido b. D'Souza	3
Black, run out	0	c. and b. D'Souza	3
White, c. Fido b. D'Souza	2		
Susands, c. Corkery b. Fido.	0		
O'Reilly, b. Fido	0		
Cookson, run out	1		
Extras	5		7
Total	111	Total	91

DEPOT.

1st Innings.	
Ansell, c. O'Reilly b. Walker	6
Thorpe, b. Walker	16
Cockett, run out	3
D'Souza, c. Craggs b. Walker	10
J. Fido, b. Clarke	0
Corkery, b. Clarke	1
C. Fido, c. Black b. Walker	10
Cannon, c. Craggs b. Walker	3
Cooke, Susands b. Walker	11
Guy, c. Susands, b. Walker	0
Moore, not out	0
Extras	5
Total	65

A SUBLIME PARAGRAPH.—We find the following paragraph in the *Echo Portuguez*. Its style is unparalleled:—"We hear that Mr. Nana Morojee, the third Magistrate of the Fort Police Court, will leave his present situation from the first of the next month, and Mr. Dossabhoy Framjee will succeed him. As to the former we wish him every success in his new appointment and long life to reap fruit of the same, and hope will always be so *conscious* as has been *since of late in many cases*. In endorsing his departure in our columns we also wish that he may *never run short of friends*, there where is about to go *as those*, who, from *youth* have been surrounding him here. Such *friends* are, indeed, not *often*, neither *easily* to be had! It appears that these friends and others are going to offer him an *address* before his leaving Bombay, in token of gratitude, esteem, and high service rendered to them, since he held high office of third Magistrate of the Fort Police Court. And as for Mr. Dossabhoy Framjee wishing him also all success in his new career, though he has been holding that seat before, yet we humbly wish and trust he will be discreet, just and impartial, considering that the magisterial seat is not like that of a manager of a mercantile bank or of a shroff but of a judgment, from which judges, not only the wicked, but even the innocent, and very often the former triumphs, whilst the latter suffers!!! Though the sufferer loses nothing by it in the presence of the Almighty, for high is the glory and reward which the innocent receive from Him, when his innocency and truth pays for the wickedness of another! A man on earth is made a judge of another whilst living, but after death, if not before, whether judge or not, is judged by One who cannot be deceived nor can deceive others. God inspired to men to frame a sort of moral rules, basing certainly on principles of sound reason for the guidance and good regimen of mankind, consequently some men whilst on their magisterial seat, to judge other men according to the rules laid down; also according to sound reasons and corroboration of evidence; thus to judge impartially whether culprit or innocent and inflict the punishment accordingly, but on the contrary if the culprit innocent be unreasonably chastised greater the punishment should be, of course, of a judge who inflicts it on another partially and wrongfully."

THE OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL.—We hear that the office of the Accountant General, Bombay, will be removed to the New Secretariat Building, of which two entire floors have been allotted to it. Orders have been issued to *vacate* the present premises occupied by the Accountant General's office in the Elphinstone Circle as soon as possible.—*Argus*.

BACK BAY IMPROVEMENTS.—A plot of land chosen in the centre, somewhere on the south of the Churney Road Station, might be reserved for a promenade, and another adjacent site might be allowed for the long-talked-of Northbrook Gardens, towards which His Excellency the Viceroy paid five thousand rupees in commemoration of his official visit to this city in November last. In the absence of any extensive and central site in the native town, which could be appropriated for this purpose, and which would open a "lung" to some of the densely populated parts of the town, a specious piece of the reclaimed land on the Back Bay, opposite the Girgaum Protestant Burial ground, would, we are of opinion, be best adapted for a public garden. If our suggestion be carried out, there will be an extensive area, of what is at present simply waste land, turned into a charming place for healthy recreation, to which the people, especially the poorer classes, can have free access, and where they can breathe the fresh and invigorating sea-breeze. Moreover, the funds that have been lying idle for so long a time will be made use of, and the whole city will be benefited.—*Argus*.

RAIN-FALL IN BOMBAY.

	Byculla.		Fort.		Colaba.	
	In.	Cts.	In.	Cts.	In.	Cts.
Sunday, 25th May	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monday, 26th May	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuesday, 27th May	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wednesday, 28th May	0	68	0	49	0	35
Thursday, 29th May	0	42	0	34	0	11
Friday, 30th May	0	5	0	6	0	1
Saturday, 31st May	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total for the Week	1	15	0	89	0	51
Previously registered	0	0	0	0	0	5
Grand Total	1	15	0	89	0	56

THE COLLISION BETWEEN THE STEAMER TANJORE AND A NATIVE CRAFT.

A MARINE COURT OF ENQUIRY, consisting of John Connon, Esq., Senior Magistrate, and Captain J. Brown, commander of the steam-ship Timor, assembled on Friday at the Fort Police Court, to investigate the circumstances connected with the collision between the P. and O. steam-ship Tanjore and the buggalow Hurry Parsad, which resulted in the sinking of the latter near the Vingorla rocks on the night of Saturday the 17th May.

Mr. Peile, acting Solicitor to Government, appeared to watch the case on behalf of Government, and Mr. Ferguson appeared on behalf of the P. and O. Company.

Alfred Henry Johnson, being sworn, deposed—I command the Tanjore, one of the fleet belonging to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. I hold a certificate of competency as master from the Board, No. 14,664. I have received a copy of the report of this accident on the evening of the 17th instant. The Tanjore was on her way from Galle to Bombay. About half-past 9 o'clock that night I was on deck on the poop. The third officer, Mr. Brockwell, was in charge of the deck and was on the bridge. There were two look-outs on the forecastle, a look-out on the bridge, a seaman at the wheel on the bridge, and a quarter-master aft. They all, as far as I know, were at their posts and attending to their duty. It was a fine night and light breeze in force too. It was very clear overhead, but it was rather hazy in the horizon. A light would have been seen six or seven miles off—I mean a flare-up such as buttellas generally use. The first intimation of anything occurring was the sound of the engine-room gong. The speed of the vessel was immediately slackened after the gong was heard. I jumped off my chair and went on to the bridge. At the time I got on the bridge we were in collision with the buggalow. I could see the buggalow's stern from the starboard side: she was right across our bows. The stern of the Tanjore was in the buggalow. On my way to the bridge I saw the sail of the buggalow close under the starboard bow, and immediately felt a slight concussion. When I got on to the bridge I ordered the steamer to go full speed astern. The officer replied, "We are going full speed astern." As soon as our way was stopped I ordered the chief officer to lower the boat and go in it himself and see whether any people were struggling in the water. The boat was not lowered, because the chief officer came on to the bridge and said the men were all saved. The buggalow sank immediately. I did not go forward after the accident to see if our lights were all in order. went forward to see the wreck clear of our bow before going ahead. I then noticed our lights were well burning. I had not that night noticed whether our lights were lit and were in their places. During the time I saw the buggalow I saw no light of any description. We were about ten miles from the land at this time. I was following the course which is usual for our ships at this time of the year. I called for the nacoda of the buggalow, and a man was pointed out to me as being the nacoda, and I asked him if he was sure all the men were saved and made him muster the men. He said he had no cargo, but he had Rs. 8,000 on board in silver.

To Mr. Ferguson—The nacoda said he had seen our lights a long time: he said he had a fair wind and was bound for Vingorla. He said when he saw he was coming in collision he ported his helm. I should say the buggalow's head was west: that was her course to the coast of Africa, certainly not for Vingorla.

Henry Brockwell was next examined. He deposed—Came and reported the buggalow. The seacunny came from the forecastle. Generally the men on the look-out sing out, but the man does not speak good English. When I first saw the buggalow she was standing south-south-east, or nearly in the opposite direction to that in which we were going. The wind was north-north-west, a three or four knot breeze. Directly I saw the buggalow I starboarded the helm. I could not see that the buggalow made any change in her course. The order to starboard the helm was immediately obeyed and the steamer answered her helm. Just as I had given the order to starboard our helm the buggalow showed a light and stood right across our bow. The buggalow had no light out till she put this light out: she was about the length of the Tanjore at the most from us when she showed her light. The lamp appeared to be an ordinary white light. After I gave the order to starboard the helm, if the buggalow had held on her course the steamer would have gone well clear of her. When the buggalow stood across our bow I gave the order first "stop her," and "slow astern," but when I saw the buggalow coming across our bow I gave the order "full speed astern." Four seconds after I gave this order the Tanjore struck the buggalow. At the time the Tanjore ran into the buggalow the steamer's engines were going full speed astern.

Charles Shore and John Miller, quartermasters of the Tanjore, and Trubes de la Cruz, a seacunny of the ship, were then examined, and they corroborated in material points the testimony of the commander and the third officer of the Tanjore.

After the examination of the nacoda of the buttela the Court adjourned to consider their decision till Wednesday next, at half-past 2 P.M.

SHIPPING ITEMS.

H. M. S. AMBERWITCH 411 tons, Captain Bishop, sailed on Saturday last for Kurrachee.

THE S. S. SIR J. R. CARNAC, 95 tons, Captain P. Azzopardi, which sailed for Coast and Goa, put back from sea on the 30th ultimo on account of bad weather.

THE BARQUE CALDEW, 482 tons, Captain W. Peterson, arrived in harbour on the 31st ultimo from Sunderland (December 26th) with a cargo of 696 tons coals. The vessel is consigned to the captain.

THE SHIP ATLANTIC, 1,709 tons, Captain G. O. Mellin, arrived in harbour on Saturday last from Liverpool (January 22nd) with a cargo of 1,957 tons coals and 459¾ tons coke. The vessel is consigned to the captain.

THE B. I. S. N. CO.'S S.S. INDIA, 656 tons, Captain J. Henderson, sailed on Saturday last for Kurrachee with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr. G. B. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Giertson and infant Assistant Apothecary and Mrs. W. P. Roane and infant, and thirty deck passengers.

THE B. I. S. N. CO.'S S.S. CALCUTTA 548 tons, Captain R. Henderson, arrived in harbour on Saturday last from Zanzibar (May 12th) via Aden with Mr. Dhunjeeshaw and two deck passengers, and the following cargo:—12 pieces E. teeth, 33 packages aloes, 2 packages tamarinds, 25 packages, gum, and 9 boxes specie of the value Rs. 31,900.

MESSRS. RUBATTINO AND CO.'S S.S. INDIA, 882 tons, Captain, G. Dodero sailed yesterday for Genoa, &c., via the Suez Canal, with the following passengers:—For Genoa—Dr Smith, Mr J Strecker, Mr C Fleming, Mr Giovannoni, Mr Stewart, Mr F Perret, Mr Tanner, Rev Nicholas, Mr and Mrs R Lupi, Mr B Michelli, and Mr S Giovanni. For Naples—Mr J H Wilson. For Alexandria—Mr S Martin. For Suez—Mr O Vogler, Mr F Seston, Mr Wilcox, and Mr Wolfstern. For Aden—Mr Manockjee and friend, and 14 natives (deck.) She took the following cargo:—3,200 bales cotton, 32 bales wool, 532 cwts coffee, and sundries.

THE SHIP DOXFORD, 682 tons, Captain L. B. McDonald, arrived in harbour on the 30th ultimo from Liverpool (November 15th) with a cargo of 201 kegs nails, 75 barrels sulpher, 2,501 bundles hoop iron, 307 bundles spears, 160 packages glassware and moulding, 5 bags corks, 16 casks tiles, 15 hogsheads and 6 cases wine, 1 case China and glass, 46 packages earthenware, 2 cases merchandise, 1,070 bricks, 60 hogsheads beer, 1,484 pieces and 1,640 bundles bar iron, 50 kegs lead ore, 30 cases umbrellas, 25 barrels fire-clay, 157 bundles galvanized sheet-iron, 12 cases plate glass, 15 cases slates, 111 boxes soap, 424 tons coals, and 259 tons coke. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Owen and Okell.

STATE OF THE TIDE AT BOMBAY.

HIGH WATER.			JUNE.		LOW WATER.	
Time.		Height.			Time.	Height.
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and would be liable to actions by the assignees of Jugjeevun. The proposal appeared to him (Mr. Payne) to be so utterly absurd that he thought the persons making it could not have the company's benefit at heart. He, therefore, approved of Mr. Crawford's admirable suggestion and advised the shareholders to take time to think.

Mr. Rustomjee—I will say one word. What was assigned to Jugjeevun is duly settled for, and due provision is made as to his claim.

This was denied; and it was stated that some of the assignees had sent notices of their claims to the directors.

Mr. Rustomjee—Mr. Crawford gave no notice of his proposition!

Mr. Payne—No notice was required. It is a part of the business of the meeting.

Mr. Bhai Jeevunjee—I will ask Mr. Billimoria whether he is acting here as a director or as a requisitionist?

Mr. Rustomjee—Who are you? What's your name?

Mr. Bhai—I decline to give you my name. I am a shareholder.

Mr. Rustomjee (to a clerk)—What's his name?

The Clerk—I have not noted his name, because he is a clerk of Mr. Crawford.

Mr. Rustomjee—He has then no right to speak.

Chairman—The clerk did not understand what was asked of him. Mr. Bhai Jeevunjee is a shareholder.

Mr. Bapubhoy Calidas said he wanted to put an amendment to Mr. Crawford's proposition. Mr. Crawford thereupon withdrew his proposition, saying he put it because, he thought, nobody else had a proposition to make.

Mr. Bhickajee Nowrojee—I understand that the commission of the present agent has been attached!

Mr. Veerchund—How strange that it is proposed to confer the agency on a man whose commission even has been attached!

It was proposed by Mr. Bapubhoy Calidas, and seconded by Mr. Amichund Petamber, That clause 46 of the articles of association be cancelled, and that the following be substituted in lieu thereof:—"That Jugjeewandass Hemjee, Shamjee Jadowjee, Soonderdass Jadowjee and Rustomjee Pestonjee Billimoria, trading together under the name of Messrs. Jugjeewandass Shamjee and Company of Bombay, and the member or members of which that firm may for the time being, shall upon entering into an agreement with the company in that behalf be the agents and general managers of the company from the first day of July 1873 for the purchase of cotton, stores, and other things required for the use of the said company, and for the sale of goods manufactured by the said company, and otherwise to act in the management and business of the said company, and that their remuneration shall be a commission of one quarter of an anna per pound on all goods manufactured and sold by the company, and it shall be lawful for the said company to remove the said firm from office by a special resolution only."

Mr. Muggunlal—Can the resolution be put after the opinion of the company's solicitor which we have heard? Who is to take the risk? The company may be sued, and we protest against being included in the liability.

Mr. Rustomjee—Yes, you will be excepted from the liability.

Mr. Muncherjee Nowrojee Banajee—The solicitor of the company has already given his opinion, and it would be illegal in the face of it to carry the resolution. If nevertheless, the shareholders like to do it, they will have themselves to thank for the consequences.

Mr. Payne said that the opinion he expressed was that the new agreement, if entered into, would not be binding upon the assignees of Jugjeevun Hemjee. There had been no cancellation of the assignments; and the company would be liable to be sued by the assignees. The proposed resolution would not be illegal, but it was most unadvisable; and he did not think the shareholders would pass it. The directors had already received notices from the assignees.

Mr. Rustomjee—Jugjeevun's claim is only for three months more, and it has been provided for; and I am ready to guarantee.

Mr. Bhai Jeevunjee—In what capacity are you going to indemnify the company against actions?

Mr. Rustomjee—As one of the agents.

A Shareholder—As one of the would-be agents?

Mr. Rustomjee—Yes, would-be agents.

It was proposed, as an amendment, by Mr. Leslie Crawford, and seconded by Mr. Dhunjeebhoy Sorabjee Narielwalla, That the consideration of the requisition, upon which this meeting has been called, be postponed until the month of September next in order that further enquiries may be made with a view of ascertaining the best arrangement that can be made for carrying on the affairs of the company after the expiration of the existing agreement.

A demand for a poll was put in here, signed by Messrs. Bapubhoy Calidas, Rustomjee Pestonjee, and others.

The amendment, on being put to vote, found eighteen votes, and the original proposition fourteen.

Mr. Bhai Jeevunjee—I hope before the meeting breaks up, Mr. Billimoria will recall the words he used to the chairman.

Mr. Rustomjee—What words?

Mr. Bhickajee—It is very trifling; don't notice it now.

Mr. Govind Gungadhur—Before the meeting is over, Mr. Chairman, you will note down on the minutes that some of the office papers are missing.

Mr. Rustomjee—I have got it in black and white in a letter from the secretary that a circular had been taken away from the office by one of the directors. The charge made against me is false.

Mr. Govind—It is made to your face!

Mr. Dhunjeebhoy Sorabjee—I am struck by several things as strange. At the last annual meeting, Rustomjee and Govind Gungadhur were great friends; now they are at daggers-drawn. Jugjeevun was disgraced at first; and now Rustomjee is in concert with him to get the agency in partnership. It is like the story of the Brahmin at a wedding-party, who said "Let the bride-groom die or the bride die, but let me first look to my wedding-fees." There is a friend of mine, a respectable gentleman, who asked me to mention to the meeting that he would take the management at Rs. 500 a month and give security for Rs. 50,000. I would recommend that his services be engaged instead of giving the management to agents, who charge a heavy commission.

Mr. Allarakia Sewjee—As to security, there are parties who would themselves give two lacs on credit to the company.

Mr. Rustomjee—Jugjeevun Hemjee has not been dismissed. The directors have retained him still.

The chairman fixed the poll for Thursday the 12th inst. at such time and place as the secretary would announce in the public papers. The result of the poll would be declared on Monday the 16th inst. Messrs. Veerchund Deepchund and Madhowjee Dhurumsey were nominated scrutineers.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

INDIAN ITEMS

Missing Treasure.—A report is going about Calcutta that the wreck of the Thunder has been at last discovered, and that preparations are making to search for the treasure which was on board at the time of her loss.—*Englishman.*

Suicide at Murree.—A private of the 85th Regiment, named Walls, deliberately blew his brains out with his rifle at Meerut on the 20th instant. He was very well-conducted man, and had a good sum in the regimental savings'-bank; so the cause of his folly is not known.

Narrow Escape at Simla of the Commander-in-Chief.—"I may mention that the good old Chief had a narrow escape from what might have been a serious accident a few days ago. He was riding one of those tall horses he is so fond of, when the animal shied at something in the road, and was very nearly over the *khud*. The Chief jumped off in time, and escaped uninjured, as did the horse, but it was a very narrow escape. I believe Lord Napier is just now at Mahasoo."—*Simla Correspondent of Englishman.*

Music.—We learn from a native journal, the *Poorna Chandroodya*, that the Poet Rajah Kalikrishna Bahadoor, of Shobha Bazaar, has lately presented to the native musical public a good Bengali rendering of the *National Anthem* in regular verses, with harmony in *tal* and *mann*, and the author, Khetternohun Goswami, the Sterndale-Bennett of Calcutta, has set them in *notation* by easy rendering. They were professionally rehearsed at the Rajah's. It is to be hoped that the civilising powers of music may be generally adopted in public and private parties amongst the natives of this country.—*Indian Daily News.*

A Secunderabad Yarn.—An excellent story is current here, and deserves record. A most gallant, decorated, and distinguished officer of our force was lately President of a Court Martial. He had sworn a witness, a raw Irish recruit, and held out his hand for the Bible. Judge of his astonishment, at finding it—the hand, not the book—grasped and heartily shaken by Pat, who in the very broadest brogue said "It's meeself who is proud and plased to hould the hand of ye, and may Saint Pathrick, and all the Saints of ould Oireland bless your honour.—*Madras Times' Secunderabad Correspondent.*

An Inglorious Retreat.—The Maharajah of Kuppoortulla has been getting into hot water in the North-Western Provinces. He came down with a large camp to catch elephants in the Ghurwal forest. He kept his camp in such a filthy condition that cholera broke out. As soon as this became known to the *gallant* Maharajah, he, considering that absence of body was better than presence of mind, decamped with all possible speed, leaving his followers to get on as best they could. We hear from Nynee Tal that Sir William Muir has intimated to His Highness that permission will not again be granted to him to hunt in the forests of the North-West.—*Pioneer.*

The Ameer and the Yankee.—An enterprising Yankee is said to have exploited Afghanistan. Last month the Ameer of Cabul received a letter from America, in which the writer stated that he was about to compile a history of all the kingdoms in the world (publishing with each the portrait of its king), and begged that His Highness would be kind enough to supply him with information concerning his dominions and also with his portrait, in exchange for which he, the writer, would do himself the pleasure of sending the Ameer a copy of the great work. The Ameer, we are told, issued instructions for the immediate preparation of a history of the rise and progress of the Afghan Government to be sent with his portrait to the American.—*Pioneer.*

A Duel.—I hear from Tellicherry that a case of this nature occurred at the abovementioned place last week between two young men named Christoper Barboza and Alexander Somerlle. The circumstance that led to this serious affair is for the sake of a young lady at that place. The two young men were aspirants for the hands of a Miss C—— but having had a dispute regarding the fair one—they had come to such extremities, that they had no other alternative but to have a duel. Had not the police authorities interfered in the matter the affair would have turned out to be a serious one. One young man had a revolver and the other a gun and a stick.—*Calicut Correspondent of Bangalore Spectator.*

The Murderer of Major Macdonald.—The Ameer of Cabul has issued orders that wherever Bebram Khan, the murderer of Major Macdonald, is found in Afghan territory he is to be killed. He has also declared the *Jaghеers* of Behram Khan and his brother to be forfeited. This we hope will not cause any change on the part of our Government in its intention to punish those who connived at the murder, or assisted the assassin's escape. If it does, we shall possibly have some fine day a very detailed account of the killing of Behram Khan, duly authenticated by any number of eye-witnesses, and certified to under the hand and seal of the Ameer, while at the moment Bebram Khan may be smoking his pipe in security under the friendly roof of some Oriental acquaintance who holds similar views with himself about the practicability and propriety of murdering Englishmen.—*Civil and Military Gazette.*

A Sad Affair.—A young man of the name of Beuxley, who had resided with his father in South Colingah Street, committed suicide last Sunday, by swallowing a quantity of opium. The unfortunate man who, it appears, was subject to epileptic fits, used constantly to strike the servants in the house, and on the day in question struck the sweeper. The father coming to the knowledge of this told the sweeper that in the event of his again being struck by his son, to retaliate with his broom. This seemed to so effect the deceased that he at once left the house, expressing his intention of never returning to it again. Sometime having elapsed, and he not having returned, the father thereupon went in search of him, and on finding him asked him to return; but he declined doing so, telling him that he had swallowed eight annas worth opium, and would soon be in the next world. He was removed to hospital where, after a lapse of six hours, he suddenly expired.—*Indian Daily News.*

The Madras High Court.—With, perhaps, the exception of our Small Cause Court, our High Court is, *par excellence*, the filthiest hole in Madras. It is a disgrace to our city, and a caricature upon our civilization. In parts it is like a ruin, in parts like a pigsty, and in parts like a charnel house. Darkness broods at noonday over portions of it; and other portions of it are the abodes of bugs, and carpeted with saliva. Repairs are constantly going on in parts; and other parts are wisely left as utterly past the possibility of repair. The odours of Billingsgate are as the breath of paradise to the perfumes which the legal profession have often to inhale in the highest Court of this presidency. . . . We may mention one simple fact, ere we go further. It is well known that Mr. John Dawson Mayne, one of the most brilliant of the legal orators who have ever adorned our High Court, was wont to have a special peon to stand behind him when he was engaged in the High Court, for the express purpose of seizing and destroying the odorous insects which made it a common practice to crawl up his gown towards his neck in the eager pursuit of their usual nourishment.—*Madras Athenæum.*

Death of a "Character"—We see that the death of Mr. Peter Cator is announced at the age of 78. We do not know when he arrived at Madras, but we know he was very prominent in the endeavours made to accomplish steam connexion with India; and favoured the public with several speeches in opposition to his friend Captain Dalrymple, the Master Attendant at Madras. Mr. Cator about that time established the "Conservative" newspaper of which we were Sub. But it had so many editors that it was difficult to steer a quiet course. Among them were Mr. Cator, Captain Dalrymple, Mr. A. J. Macleane, Mr. N. B. Acworth, and another whose name we forget. Conservatism did not pay in Madras, and the paper died, although kept up at the expense of Mr. Cator alone, who was well able to do so, as he was Administrator General, and got the name of "Peter five per cent" from his rigid exaction of his "rights." The office was very profitable, and he managed to *draw* from it some dozen lacs of rupees: a portion of which, when he had retired, he devoted to pious purposes, namely, prizes for good knowledge of the Scriptures.—*Bangalore Spectator.*

Madras Court Justice.—The mysteries of Police Court judgments are past finding out. The other day a bearer in Messrs. Spencer and Co.'s establishment was convicted of enjoying an illicit draught of his employer's porter, and was sentenced to four months' rigorous imprisonment. A Mr Turnbull, who occupied a responsible position in Messrs. Oakes and Co.'s establishment, was about the same time convicted at the Town Police Court by Mr. T. G. Clarke and Captain Hallett of stealing his employers' property to the value of Rs. 103, and was simply fined Rs. 110! Now, we never like to quarrel with a merciful sentence, and have no more wish than the magistrates to "ruin Mr. Turnbull for life;" but we have an idea that society has a right to protection against the worst sort of thieves—those who rob the employers whose wages they enjoy. If the idea gets abroad that employers may go on stealing, and when found out only be sentenced to pay a sum equal to the value of the goods that may happen to be traced to them, we shall certainly arrive at a pretty state of matters. But then the man who stole a drink of porter is in prison, so that justice can be severe sometimes.—*Madras Times.*

AN UNFORTUNATE PASSAGE BY P. AND O.

Complaints have reached us of very defective accommodation on board one of the P. and O. steamers, the Malwa, which left Calcutta with a large number of passengers, to whom additions were made *en route*. There were on board from 40 to 50 ladies, with about the like number of children, and for the accommodation of these, and about a dozen European and native nurses, there were but two baths and closets. The vessel was exceedingly crowded, and several deaths are said to have occurred. Complaint is also made that there was not an adequate supply of cups and saucers; and glasses had to be taken from the cabins daily for use at table. Certainly, these are good grounds of complaint. For such things ought to be provided in abundance. Of course the traffic is seasonal, and no company could provide all things to make crowded ships comfortable. But there should be no want of articles of common convenience and daily use.

An unfortunate occurrence took place during the voyage of the Malwa. At Galle a sailor was taken on board who had made the acquaintance of eastern jails. When at sea, he became awkward, and refused to work, threatening the officers of the ship with serious injury. He created a row on deck, and the captain went to quell the disturbance. The sailor refused to obey, and struck the captain. The latter drew a pistol, the second officer seized the man, and was raising his arm, when the captain fired, the bullet striking the second officer in the arm.

The Malwa seems to have been detained somewhere, or made a slow passage. She was due on the 19th May; but was only telegraphed from Southampton on the 22nd. It is felt to be a deficiency of the P. and O. Company that the course of the homeward steamers is not telegraphed from station to station, for the information of the friends of passengers.—*Indian Daily News.*

RUSSIA AND ENGLAND.

["Time's" Prussian Correspondent.]

BERLIN, May 6.

Without adding a word of comment, the semi-official *Journal de St. Petersbourg* copies an article from the *Moscow Gazette* which declares the recent agreement between England and Russia respecting the neutralization of Afghanistan to be null and void. The reasons adduced will be best understood from a perusal of the entire article:—

"Mr. Eastwick having at the beginning of the Session put a question to Ministers respecting Central Asia, this has at last led to a debate in the British House of Commons. Although debates on foreign affairs in the British Parliament are frequently mere demonstrations of no serious importance, the present discussion deserves to be noticed, because we are directly interested in it, and also because of certain explanations given by the Under-Secretary of State for India, and by the British Cabinet respecting the value to be attached to the recent negotiations on the question above-mentioned.

"While the responsible members of the Government, as well as of the Opposition—Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Grant Duff, and Sir Stafford Northcote—used reserved language in this debate, and studiously avoided all that might have shown distrust or impatience, the independent members of both parties did not scruple to display their ill-will towards Russia, and, acting as genuine political skirmishers, unhesitatingly fired away at the object of their inveterate hostility. They went so far as to demand that the British Government should withstand the progress of Russia, who was represented as avowedly menacing the independence of all Asiatic Governments, from Persia to China. An exception to this tone was the speech of Sir Charles Wingfield, who defended the *laissez faire* policy of the late Viceroy of India, Sir John Lawrence, and insisted that the annexation of the Central Asia Khanates by Russia was in the interest of civilization; but his remarks fell flat upon the House as well as the Press.

"With reference to the language held by the other speakers, *The Times* is proud to think that the whole world will recognize in it the knowledge, the talent, and the scientific precision with which the question is being handled by the British Parliament. This pompous laudation, we suppose, is meant to extol Mr. Eastwick's assertions that, of the three nations existing in Russia, two are entirely, and the third partially, of Asiatic origin; that Russia has been under the rule of the Mongols for three centuries, and that she has inherited from them an insatiable thirst for conquest. The said speaker also displayed his perfect knowledge of the matter by quoting some anonymous Russian author, who is stated to have said that Russia was not accounted a European Power until after the first division of Poland, in 1519, after which her aggrandizement in Europe continued *pari passu* as might be seen from Peter the Great's sending exploring columns to the Amou. Another and final proof of scientific precision was given by Mr. Eastwick's allusion to a letter which he said he had just received from the Persian province of Khorassan, and which brought him information to the effect that the Russian troops were threading their way along Perso-Turkoman frontier towards Herat.

"As a worthy sequel to this, another speaker Sir George Balfour, cited some Chinese documents affirming Russia to be hostile to England in Asia. Mr. Eastwick's proposition too, that henceforth all negotiations with Russia upon the subject of Central Asia should be carried on publicly and before a congress of the Great Powers is a striking proof of the high diplomatic talent with which this gentleman is endowed.

"Other speakers opined that all further negotiations were unnecessary, and that the British Government, without any regard to the engagements and promises of Russia, should take the measures which might appear most effective to obviate future danger. Still, other members complained that the negotiations had only aimed at defining the northern frontier of Afghanistan, and that while England pledged herself to keep the Afghan Sovereign quiet, Russia did not enter into any corresponding or analogous obligation.

"Diversifying their theme in this way, all the orators were yet agreed that the principal danger would come, not from the Afghan border, but from the south-eastern shores of the Caspian—that is, the post of Tchikishlar, recently established by the Russians. We recognize in this change of tone accomplished by British 'politicans' since the negotiations have come to an end. As our readers may remember, the English Press, immediately upon the conclusion of the late parley, profiting by the communications of Sir Henry Rawlinson, hastened to declare that it was impossible to apprehend an invasion of India from the Afghan side because the difficulties in the way were insurmountable. At the same time, the occupation of the Atrek was declared a serious thing, as it supplied Russia with a direct road to Herat.

"If none of these opinions are deserving of serious notice it is otherwise with those enunciated by the Prime Minister in person, Mr. Gladstone, in a short speech, in which he did not enter into the details commented upon by the other orators, defined with extraordinary precision and clearness the view taken by the British Government respecting the result of their late *pourparlers* with Russia. We are, therefore, justified in considering his declaration as containing an exact and indisputable statement of the relations actually existing between Russia and England on the subject of Central Asia affairs. As *The Times* thinks the explanations of the Premier quite satisfactory we are driven to confess that we are this time in full accord with that paper, although our reasons for arriving at this conclusion may be very different from those of London organ.

"Mr. Gladstone began by allaying any apprehensions which might be entertained by his audience with reference to Afghan neutrality. This, he said, was quite out of the question, England having reserved to herself full liberty of action with regard to that country. Recent negotiations, he continued, had resulted in defining three several points. In the first place, Russia, in her diplomatic correspondence with England, had entered into the 'negative engagement' to consider Afghanistan as entirely beyond the sphere of her influence. Secondly, the northern frontier of that country had been fixed in conformity with English views which views had been approved by the Russian Government with a courtesy reflecting great credit upon it. Thirdly, the only question at issue having been a limitation of influence, it was plain that England had undertaken no inconvenient engagement with regard to Afghanistan, that she was not responsible for the good behaviour of the Ameer, and that she had only promised to bring her moral influence to bear upon him for the maintenance of peace, without pledging herself to constrain him in any way. We thus learn from the mouth of the First Minister of the British Crown—and we must needs add to our intense satisfaction—that in reality no engagement has been made between the two countries, that both remain in exactly the same position as before, and preserve complete liberty of action. Nothing could be more gratifying than this.

"All international transactions concluded voluntarily and in order to promote the interests of both contracting parties must be reciprocal. Only if fulfilling this condition have they the significance of an international engagement and the force of a law, binding until due notice is given. If England declares through her First Minister, that she has entered into no engagement with Russia, it is clear that Russia, too, is equally free from any formal undertaking, and that the diplomatic correspondence which has passed between the two countries has simply the character of a friendly exchange of ideas. If we understand the explanations vouchsafed by Mr. Gladstone aright, the 'negative engagement,' as he calls it, which has been taken by Russia is no veritable engagement, but to the best of his judgment, only a result attributed by him to the recent diplomatic correspondence between the two countries. This result he thinks the more valuable as it is in accordance with the real state of affairs, while as regards the future, whatever may happen, Russia naturally retains the same liberty of action as England reserves to herself.

"In point of fact, this view respecting the result of the *pourparlers* is confirmed by an examination of the diplomatic correspondence. At first, it will be remembered Lord Clarendon suggested that a central barrier should be established between India and the Russian possessions—a barrier to be strictly respected by both parties. Whether advantageous or not, this proposition, at any rate, implied a mutual engagement, and although all artificial arrangements of this sort are based upon the presumption of imaginary dangers, Russia having no designs on Afghanistan, would have made no difficulty in accepting what the other party proposed. We have, however, from the very outset indicated the inconveniences that would attach to the project advanced by Lord Clarendon. Eventually England herself, on fresh intelligence having been supplied by Lord Mayo, the then Viceroy of Hindostan, appreciated the inconveniences attaching to such an arrangement, so that the question of Afghan neutrality was allowed to drop as the correspondence progressed. At present, as we have seen, all Englishmen disapprove this plan.

"But, notwithstanding this, the negotiations respecting the frontiers of Afghanistan were continued, and the question of neutrality having been put on one side, another combination arose. Things looked as though England desired to obtain the recognition of certain exclusive rights over Afghanistan, rights which would have virtually made that country a continuation of her own possessions. Russia seemed to be ready to approve; but of course any engagement on the part of Russia to respect the Afghan frontier as though it were the frontier of England herself would have had the consequence of rendering England directly responsible for the conduct of the Afghan Ameers, as it indeed was unmistakably intimated in Prince Gortschakoff's last despatch. In this despatch the Prince said Russia had the more willingly adopted the frontier proposed by Great Britain, as England on her part engages to use all her influence with Sheer Ali to induce him to preserve a pacific attitude.

"But England refused to accept this compromise. Little as she desires the neutralization of Afghanistan, which would restrict her free action, her 'politicians' have likewise no desire to pledge themselves for a nation so turbulents as the Afghans and governed by chiefs so weak and so often upset by *emeutes*. To annex Afghanistan, on the other hand, appears inexpedient; for though England wishes to retain and strengthen her influence in that country—for which we do not blame her in the least—we know from Mr. Grant Duff that to occupy the principality would be a measure ruinous to Indian finances.

"The logic of facts has therefore led the English to prefer the simple continuance of former relations with Russia to any artificial combination that might be devised in Central Asia affairs. Immediately upon the publication of the diplomatic correspondence, *The Times* foresaw that the engagement to restrain the Ameer from all hostile acts would involve England in great difficulties. We observed at the time that it was impossible to do with these English difficulties, but were only interested to know whether any effective guarantee had been given to Russia in return for the restriction imposed upon her liberty of action. At present the British Government declares that it has given no guarantee whatsoever, and is therefore evident that the restriction imposed upon Russia is Removed. The end of it all is that the two Powers restore to each other full liberty of action. No doubt this is a result best suited to promote the interests of both, and we cannot but congratulate them on having extricated themselves thus happily from a false position, the product of unnecessary and ill-defined engagements.

"Henceforth our controversies with the English journals can only turn upon works. These journals continue talking about what Mr. Gladstone calls our 'negative engagement' and what we regard as a mere exposition made by Russia of her views in accordance with the existing state of things (*sic*). At all events, England having given no corresponding guarantee, this exposition, or this 'negative engagement,' whatever it may be, is only an act of good-will on the part of Russia, and remains an act of good-will now as much as it was at the opening of the *pourparlers*. *The Times* is fully satisfied with Mr. Gladstone's explanations, and says that England cannot exact any special guarantees from Russia, and, indeed, can do so as little as she herself would have given any 50 years ago. 'England,' *The Times* continues, 'could not foresee what the Russians would undertake even during the present generation, nor did the Russians know it themselves.' It was, however, certain that Russia had received the English propositions in a friendly spirit, and that the assurances is given to her were as complete as England had a right to expect.'

"It is a long time since we have found in the British Press so sound a judgment on Russia. True, it is impossible to say that the recent negotiations have had no result. They were a friendly exchange of ideas, which has supplied England with the opportunity of convincing herself—if, indeed, this were at all necessary—that Russia does not nourish the slightest design against her Indian possessions. We may, therefore, hope that the pacific attitude maintained by Russia throughout the late negotiations will be justly appreciated in England by all reasonable and well meaning persons."

We are probably right in excepting the above as an explanation vouchsafed by Prince Gortchakof himself. Even were it conceivable that such an article on such a question could be published without authority in a Russian journal, the fact of its being immediately copied by the acknowledged organ of the Foreign Office would render its origin pretty certain. In confirmation, I may also observe that the *Moscow Gazette*, in which the above originally appeared has not contradicted the suggestion thrown out by me concerning some of its previous articles on the same subject—viz., that they came from an officiate source.

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